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Security forces battle with right-wing demonstrators yesterday in Jerusalem. (Brian Hendler)

GSS special measures extended by ministers

'Shaking' now requires special permission

ALON PINKAS

THE General Security Service's permission to employ special measures during interrogations was extended yesterday until October by the Ministerial Committee on the GSS.

The meeting had been scheduled a week ago, as the permit, extended last week, was to expire yesterday.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Justice Minister David Liba'i, Police Minister Moshe Shahal, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, State Attorney Dorit Beinish, and the head of the GSS attended the meeting.

The GSS head briefed the committee at length on the discovery and capture of the Hamas cell responsible for the Ramat Gan and Jerusalem bus bombings.

The meeting then turned into a debate over recent insinuations by Rabin and the GSS head that restrictions on the GSS may have prevented it from foiling the Jerusalem attack.

On Wednesday, the head of the GSS maintained that had the organizer of the Hamas cell, Abdel Nasser Issa, been interrogated with special measures, he may have provided information on the imminent attack in Jerusalem. Issa was captured on Saturday night, but only on Tuesday, after the attack had occurred, but without his knowing about it, did he provide details after being "shaken," one of the special measures under question.

But both Rabin and the GSS head drew heavy criticism from Liba'i and Sarid, who claimed that the GSS head was playing politics with his statements, while in fact he had all the necessary permits and was not required to seek any authorization for special measures.

Liba'i, who refrained from speaking after the meeting, was quoted by another participant as saying that "the GSS was fully authorized to employ 'shaking' and the head of the service is empowered to permit its use. Furthermore, during the interrogation of Issa, other means, significantly more severe than shaking, were used."

Shaking, which became notorious after the death during interrogation of Hamas detainee Abdel Harizat in April, will now be regarded as a special measure and require special permission from the head of the GSS.

Sarid said that the GSS possesses all the means and authorizations required to conduct efficient interrogations.

"The only question is who decides to employ the special measures, any interrogator or only higher-ranking officials. Contrary to what has been published, shaking has not been prohibited, but the supervision over its use has been tightened. Someone may have received the impression over the last two days that shaking is everything and that, deprived of it, the GSS is left without any effective means," Sarid told Israel Radio.

"There are other measures, some of which are harsher than shaking. No one thinks that these interrogations can be sterile and conducted over a cup of coffee. The question is, is every individual being questioned by the GSS subject to these special measures? But if there is a 'ticking bomb' situation, everything can be used, subject to authorization.

"I am perplexed by the proportions this so-called controversy has assumed and ask myself, who would want it to be blown up in this way, and why," Sarid said.

At the last ministerial committee meeting, the GSS had presented a detailed report indicating that special interrogation measures directly contributed to the foiling of more than 50 planned attacks. According to security officials, the GSS now says that of the 50 attacks either preempted or foiled, at least seven were suicide bombings, seven were kidnappings, and three were bus hijackings.

The special measures were granted to the GSS in the aftermath of the bus No. 5 bombing in Tel Aviv last October, and were extended and somewhat expanded after last January's Beit Lid bombing, in which 21 people were killed. They include a permit to exert physical pressure on suspects, including extreme shaking and severe sleep deprivation.

The special measures were authorized by the ministerial committee and were extended periodically. They were justified by the "ticking bomb" criteria set by the Landau Commission.

A "ticking bomb" is a situation in which interrogators have knowledge of an imminent attack and are satisfied that the individual they are holding can provide vital information that can prevent it.

Former deputy GSS head Gideon Ezra said yesterday that suicide bombers operate differently, and the GSS must adjust itself accordingly.

"We do not always know exactly who it is we are interrogating and what he knows. We are not interrogating to draw up an indictment, but to extract critical information that can save lives. GSS interrogators are responsible and mature people; they are not sadists out to avenge something," said Ezra, who is currently Shahal's terrorism adviser.

Another former senior GSS official, Shimon Romach, said that if those being interrogated do not know in advance what measures can, and possibly will be used during questioning, they may break and provide the information.

"Currently, they are prepared and know exactly what to expect. The entire public debate over this is counterproductive," he told Israel Television.

Meanwhile, the Public Committee against Torture in Israel yesterday attacked Shahal for suggesting that the law be changed so that GSS interrogators will enjoy immunity from prosecution should they cause irreversible physical or mental damage to a suspect or even kill him.

It said he was using the terrible tragedy of terror attacks to obtain the passage of legislation that is liable to destroy the foundations of democracy here.

"Anyone supporting granting a priori immunity to GSS interrogators to use torture in the name of 'national security' will find that these same means are soon used in criminal investigations and even against political activists," the group said.

Protesters attack Amit during Zo Artzenu demo near Knesset

BILL HUTMAN

A MOB of angry right-wing demonstrators attacked Jerusalem Police chief Cmdr. Arye Amit yesterday, after tempers flared in response to his order to prevent protesters from blocking the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway.

Dozens of booing demonstrators who yelled slogans like "Police state! Police state," surrounded Amit at the junction of Ruppin and Kaplan streets, next to the Knesset, and began pushing and kicking him.

An anti-riot squad arrived and pushed back the demonstrators. After Amit took refuge in his police car, the vehicle was stopped and rocked by the protesters, until riot police again forced them away. A police spokeswoman said Amit was lightly injured.

"I am very sorry that this happened, and that I had to be pulled from the mob by my men," Amit told reporters afterwards.

The demonstration was organized by Zo Artzenu, whose head, Moshe Feiglin, was detained at the start of the protest for organizing what police said was an illegal demonstration as he tried to direct busloads of demonstrators from a helicopter hovering over the highway. When the helicopter landed in Canada Park, Feiglin was arrested and taken to the Beit Shemesh police station. He and Rabbi Benny Elon, who was arrested outside the President's Residence, were later released after agreeing to remain under house arrest until next Monday.

Dozens of police units from both Jerusalem and the Tel Aviv area awaited the Zo Artzenu demonstrators along the main highway between the two cities, which the protesters planned to march along and block.

Police prevented the demonstrators from leaving the buses bringing them to the demonstration. In some cases they did not allow the buses onto the highway, forcing them to find alternate routes or return the demonstrators to their homes. A Zo Artzenu spokeswoman said one bus with demonstrators from Haifa was halted by police near Zichron Ya'acov.

"The police action was totally unacceptable," said MK Rehavam Ze'evi (Moledet). Ze'evi and several other MKs on hunger strike outside the Prime Minister's Office tried to intervene and lift the police ban.

Amit said the police had no choice but to detain Feiglin and order the buses off the highway, to foil Zo Artzenu's stated plans to snarl traffic on the highway and in Jerusalem.

Over 1,000 demonstrators managed to get to the Prime Minister's Office, and forced traffic to a halt in the area. A smaller group evaded police and protested in front of the President's Residence. Twelve demonstrators were detained, and three lightly injured during the demonstration, including a woman who was hurt when policemen on horseback broke up a group of squatters on Rehov Ruppin. Three policemen were also slightly hurt, the police spokeswoman said.

Zo Artzenu heads vowed that the street protests would continue. The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, meanwhile, is planning a large demonstration and march in Jerusalem next week.

PM: GSS had released a suicide bomber 3 times

SARAH HONIG

ONE suicide bomber had been detained by the General Security Service three times, but was released each time for lack of evidence, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin revealed yesterday.

Rabin made the disclosure at the weekly session of the Labor Party political bureau, where he complained that legal constraints are hampering the fight against terrorism.

"After the Dizengoff bus bombing in Tel Aviv about a year ago, we had arrested many hundreds of Arabs. Against most, we had no significant evidence which would stand up in court. This despite the clear knowledge that the detainees were all known Hamas activists.

"But there was no legal way of keeping them in custody. We could not hold them under administrative detention, and I had to let them go. I am still looking for many of them today," Rabin said.

"Because of the laws as they exist, I will not give an order to any GSS officer or soldier that could result in his being put on trial, while I personally will not be charged."

Rabin took Tourism Minister Uzi Baram to task for having recently said: "One more terrorist attack and this government is out of office."

"Not only is this untrue," Rabin said, "but why should we encourage Hamas? Why should we hand it a prize? Let's not aid and abet them with loose talk."

Rabin went on to contend that the PLO is not a partner to terror. "It is a partner in the fight against terror. True, I would like it to do more, but the nature of the terror we now face is radically different from all that preceded it. What we knew in the past was child's play in comparison to what we are up against now."

There was a bit of comic relief when Police Minister Moshe Shahal expressed sympathy for Likud MK Ariel Sharon, who is on a protest hunger strike.

"Why pity him?" Rabin said. "I have personally recommended to [Finance Minister Avraham Shohat] that he join Sharon in his fast."

Shahal was elected by the bureau to head a membership drive, which must precede the upcoming primary elections.

Tsur orders Mekorot to supply water to 40,000 Beduin in Negev

AGRICULTURE Minister Ya'acov Tsur yesterday ordered the Mekorot water company to supply water to some 40,000 Beduin living in unrecognized settlements in the Negev.

About half of the Negev's Beduin population lives in unrecognized communities and in tent camps.

Following numerous complaints about poor supply to these families, Tsur appointed a committee to investigate. The committee recommended that a plan be drawn up to connect these families to national water system.

These families and communities are to organize into "water associations," like those in the Arab and rural sector. These associations will buy the water from Mekorot and be responsible for supplying it to individual families and maintaining their pipelines.

Though Mekorot has water available, it must still lay pipes to get the water to these areas.

At present, there are 142 "water points" at which Beduin families can buy water from tankers. These points, which are managed by local Beduin who buy the water from Mekorot, have been fraught with problems, as those families living closest to them have hooked up their own pipes to siphon off water. (Itim)

Windows 95 burns the midnight oil worldwide

SEATTLE (Reuter) – Microsoft Corp.'s ballyhooed Windows 95 computer operating system hit the street with a bang yesterday, as enthusiasts bought the $90 program at heavily promoted midnight sales around the world.

One veteran dealer in New York said he had seen nothing like the customer response in more than 20 years.

Computer retailers, manufacturers, software developers, and Wall Street developers anxiously awaited initial sales reports, hoping that the new version of Windows, delayed more than eight months, can meet expectations inflated by weeks of extensive media publicity.

At Microsoft's corporate campus in suburban Seattle, construction crews were busy finishing a tent city that will be the scene of a technology carnival, where the company's billionaire chairman Bill Gates will formally launch the product.

Microsoft rivals Apple Computer and IBM went on the offensive, launching ad campaigns denouncing Windows 95 as old, tired technology.

An estimated 900 people entered a CompUSA Inc. computer store in New York City minutes after the midnight launch of the software program there, said Richard Jackson, a manager at the store.

"I have been in the computer industry since 1972, and I have never seen anything like this," said Jackson, standing among throngs of customers a half-hour later.

The Windows 95 blitz has been so intense it persuaded one computer consultant to buy the software even though he prefers other operating systems.

"Personally, I hate Windows, but the way things are going it's join it or be left behind. Plus, I want to be part of the entertainment," he said.

In the Midwest, dozens of computer buffs turned out at midnight to buy Windows 95, with one CompUSA store in Downers Grove, Illinois, outside Chicago, reporting over 400 shoppers shortly after midnight.

Microsoft's operating systems control the computer desktop market with an 80 percent market share and 100 million units of Windows installed. Analysts project that by the end of the year, Windows 95 could be installed on 30 million computers, including most new PCs that are shipped.

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Rabin: July deadline will likely be met

LIAT COLLINS

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin assured members of the Meretz Knesset faction yesterday that the July 1 deadline for implementing the next stage of the agreement with the Palestinians will probably be met.

The Meretz MKs had asked for the meeting at Rabin's office to emphasize the importance of abiding by the timetable.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said afterward that he had been "encouraged."

"There will be an agreement by July 1. This received additional support from this morning's meeting," said Sarid. He later toned this down to "there will be an agreement, there's no doubt about it. The question is when, not if."

Although all the Meretz MKs insisted meeting the deadline is essential, Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein was prepared to be more flexible.

Rabin told the faction he is is committed to reaching an agreement as soon as possible without harming security interests. He reconfirmed that the redeployment would take place in two stages, before and after the Palestinian elections.

There are still several unresolved issues regarding the elections, including whether to have polling booths in Jerusalem, as the Palestinians are demanding, Rabin reportedly said.

Faction chairman Ran Cohen stressed that contrary to press reports, Meretz had not presented Rabin with an ultimatum of either meeting the July 1 deadline or losing Meretz as a coalition partner. He also said the meeting with Rabin had been planned two weeks ago and had nothing to do with the Democratic Arab Party's no-confidence motion on Monday.

Rabin also denied press reports of intensive negotiations with Shas on broadening the coalition.

Meanwhile, Labor MK Avigdor Kahalani wrote Rabin asking him not to give in to Meretz, and prevent any arrangement with the Palestinians that does not ensure the safety of Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria.

Rabin, Darawshe bury the hatchet

LIAT COLLINS

PEACE ostensibly returned to the coalition yesterday afternoon when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Democratic Arab Party leader Abdul Wahab Darawshe publicly made up after the DAP's no-confidence motion Monday.

Rabin also met with Meretz MKs and ministers earlier in the day.

Onlookers close to the Labor Party described the meeting with the DAP as "more of a public relations gimmick" than anything else.

Darawshe told reporters after the meeting he was satisfied with what he had heard from Rabin about the government's commitment to the peace process and the July 1 redeployment deadline.

DAP MK Taleb A-Sanaa said the party had rejoined the coalition's blocking majority, as long as the government stands by its commitments.

Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen described the meeting "as friendly and pleasant." But despite assuring reporters that a *sulha* had been achieved, Cohen seemed more in the mood to forgive than forget. Asked if this meant the coalition could be assured of the DAP vote in the future, Cohen hesitated before replying: "Sometimes there are accidents on the way."

Speaking later on an Israel Radio talk show, Darawshe claimed that Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu had tried to persuade him several times to help him topple the government and join him in a Likud-led coalition. Netanyahu denied this.

Sarid: De facto Palestinian state on way

SARAH HONIG

IN a "few months a de facto Palestinian state will have been established, just as Meretz has always advocated and campaigned for," Environment Minister Yossi Sarid predicted at a session of the Meretz council yesterday.

The council was convened to deal with differences on how to elect and rank the party's Knesset list.

"Elections for the Palestinian authority will be held in the territories in a few months, and the IDF will be redeployed. On the Syrian front, too, we should also expect very positive developments soon," Sarid added.

Sarid's words were seen as a form of pep talk to raise morale after the party had sunk into collective depression following Hadash's success in putting the Jerusalem land expropriations on hold. Meretz itself had unsuccessfully campaigned against the expropriations.

A different note was struck by Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni, who warned that "if the agreement with the PLO on elections in the territories and on redeployment is not successfully finalized by July 1, there will be no reason for us to remain in the government."

The three components of Meretz are at odds over how to put together the party's next Knesset slate. Shinui wants the ratio according to which safe slots were divided on the last Knesset list changed, and this is hotly opposed, mainly by Mapam.

According to the 1992 formula, five of each 10 slots go the the Citizens Rights Movement, which is the largest component. Three go to Mapam and two to Shinui.

Shinui maintains it is being shortchanged, while Mapam charges that Shinui foiled the total merger of the Meretz components, and that it unfairly ended up with the most important portfolio (Education) given Meretz.

Maxim Levy snubs Netanyahu

YET another effort to make peace inside the Likud fell through last night because chairman Binyamin Netanyahu was 10 minutes late for an appointment with Likud central committee chairman Maxim Levy.

Netanyahu had been seeking to meet with Levy to try to agree on a date for convening the central committee to discuss the primary system the Likud would adopt.

Levy finally agreed to meet Netanyahu yesterday evening at the Kfar Hamaccabiah Hotel, but when Netanyahu was late, Levy walked out in a huff. Ten minutes later, Netanyahu appeared but had no one to talk to, despite the fact that the party secretariat meets tonight for its final discussion of the primary system. *Sarah Honig*

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the nine of spades, nine of hearts, ace of diamonds, and ace of clubs.



Faisal Husseini (left) at his meeting yesterday at Orient House with European diplomats. (Brian Hendler)

Husseini meets with foreign diplomats on land expropriations

JON IMMANUEL

FAISAL Husseini met with representatives of foreign embassies yesterday at Orient House, a day after meeting with Jerusalem-based consuls to discuss the government's decision to freeze land expropriations in Jerusalem.

Husseini repeated his claim that the government action was not enough and was only a temporary freeze.

"If Israel has a right to expropriate land in Jerusalem we have a right to expropriate land in Haifa, Jaffa, Ramle and Lod and Talbieh [a Jerusalem neighborhood]," Husseini told a resident of Silwan, whose own house was one of eight the government claims was Jewish-owned before 1948.

Husseini was referring to towns in Israel and homes in western Jerusalem where many Palestinians lived before 1948.

Palestinian Police discovers arms cache in raid on Gaza house

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN security police raided a house in the Zaitoun neighborhood of Gaza yesterday and uncovered a substantial weapons cache under the floor in one room.

Two Hamas members, brothers Nahed and Saker Abu Assi, were arrested, but others were thought to have escaped.

The weapons included pistols, grenades, six rifles, ammunition, and ammunition clips. Hamas documents were also found, said Gen. Musa Arafat, head of Palestinian military intelligence. Pornographic videos were found, apparently confiscated from video sellers as part of an Islamic morality drive.

Hamas officials denied the house was a Hamas hideout or that the two men were known Hamas members.

Arafat, who is no relation to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, has been targeted twice by Hamas gunmen. In one of the attacks, a bodyguard was wounded.

After the suicide attacks that killed seven Israelis and an American student near Kfar Darom and Netzarim on April 9, the PA gave Hamas and other opposition groups until May 11 to hand in any unlicensed weapons. It warned that after the date passed any weapons found would subject their bearers to prosecution.

PA Justice Minister Freih Abu Meidin said that there would be no house-to-house search for weapons, but houses would be raided if there was information about arms dumps.

Meanwhile in student elections at Bir Zeit University, near Ramallah, an Islamic list retained control of the student council it won last year with the help of left-wing opposition groups. Fatah won 21 seats and the opposition list 30 seats to the 51-seat student council.

Ramallah is traditionally a stronghold of the left-wing opposition Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which is supported by many Christian students.



Joe Cocker poses yesterday on Mount Scopus before last night's concert in front of 4,000 fans at Jerusalem's Sultan's Pool. (Brian Hendler)

Knesset rejects opposition bills on expanding Israeli sovereignty

LIAT COLLINS

OPPOSITION ranks showed signs of more discontent yesterday when the Knesset rejected two bills on increasing Israeli sovereignty.

The first, by Esther Salmovitz (Yi'ud), "to ensure sovereignty over the territories" and aimed at guaranteeing the security of Jewish settlements in the territories, was defeated 44-37.

The other, by Tsomet MK Rafael Eitan, entitled: "The Jordan Valley and Judean Valley First," and aimed at ensuring Israeli sovereignty over those areas, fell by 44-31. Only 12 Likud MKs were present for the votes, while the coalition turned out in force.

Justice Minister David Libai, responding to both bills, said the proposed legislation was an attempt to violate the Oslo Agreement, which states that discussions on permanent borders would only take place at a later stage. "These are attempts to establish facts on the ground. We will not change the status of the territories now, and definitely not unilaterally," Libai said.

After the vote, Eitan attacked the Likud, saying "although it spoke of opposition unity it did not bother to come and vote on an important subject."

'US to Hariri: No Hizbullah in government'

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

THE US has reportedly advised Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri against allowing Hizbullah to participate in a new government.

A message to this effect was conveyed to Hariri by America's chargé d'affaires Ronald Schleicher when he met Hariri on Tuesday, according to the left-wing Lebanese daily *As-Safir*.

The newspaper quoted sources in Washington as saying that the inclusion of Hizbullah in the cabinet would have a "negative impact" on US-Lebanese relations.

As-Safir and other newspapers speculated that the US would prolong a ban on its citizens traveling to Lebanon, which was imposed in 1987, if Hizbullah was allowed into the government.

The extremist Shi'ite organization was widely held responsible for the kidnapping of Western hostages in the 1980s and attacks on US targets in Lebanon, including that in which over 200 US marines were killed.

Hizbullah, which holds eight seats in the Lebanese parliament, has itself been heatedly debating its future and especially whether it should move more into the national Lebanese political arena.

This stance is supported by Hizbullah secretary-general Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, but is opposed by hard-liners led by Sheikh Subhi Toufeili, who maintain that the organization should concentrate on the fight against Israel in the security zone and, if necessary, revert back to its 1980 policies.

The leadership of the organization, which is trying to prepare Hizbullah for the future especially in light of a possible peace treaty between Israel, Syria and Lebanon, has not yet decided on whether or not to enter the government.

Nevertheless, Hariri himself has met with some Hizbullah leaders and has reportedly considered bringing the organization into the government as part of the overall reconciliation and recovery program for Lebanon after the 1975-1990 civil war.

Deri: Shas not being courted for coalition

SARAH HONIG

ALL reports about renewed efforts to bring Shas into the coalition are wholly unfounded, Shas leader Aryeh Deri insisted last night.

He said he had not met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for over three months.

"I know his phone number and he knows mine. If we haven't met there is a reason for it. Considering our lack of contact, I would hardly call this being courted by Labor," he said.

Deri added that the meeting "so much talked about between [Foreign Minister Shimon] Peres and [Shas Mentor] Rabbi Ovadia Yosef took place before Pessah and is hardly newsworthy at this point."

Peres, however, continued to insist that contacts with Shas continue.

Deri argued that "the reasons which brought Rabbi Yosef to rule against entering the coalition – the security situation and the composition of the coalition – have not changed and therefore it would be unrealistic to expect that our position would change. The latest shameful capitulation by Rabin to Arab extortion over Jerusalem will certainly not help matters any."

Dayan statement linking Nazis, Israelis causes furor

LIAT COLLINS

A STATEMENT linking Nazi treatment of Jews and Israeli treatment of Palestinians landed Labor MK Yael Dayan in hot water yesterday.

Dayan asked the Germans to help the Palestinians, as they are Israel's victims. "I feel I have obligations, like you, to try to help the State of Israel because you have certain obligations to it and because they were your victims."

Dayan made the comments in Bonn during a trip on a joint Arab-Jewish delegation funded by the Adenauer Foundation. The first objection came from Likud MK Assad Assad, who was also on the trip.

"Both as an Israeli Druse and personally, I was stunned by the miserable comparison and lack of sensitivity expressed by Dayan, which in one fell swoop slashed the enormity of one of the biggest tragedies perpetrated against the Jews in the history of humanity."

Dayan admitted making the statement and said the time had come to end the persecution complex.

"From a philosophical point of view, as I defined it, we have obligations to the Palestinians, and I did relate it to other international obligations including the German one to Israel today."

She said that this was a philosophical statement and not a political comparison between Nazis and Israelis.

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JON IMMANUEL

A GUNMAN fired on the front gate of the home of Nablus Mayor Ghassan Shakaa this week, the same day a petition by 50 academics, mostly from Nablus, was published blaming the Palestinian Authority "indirectly" for preventing free speech.

Shakaa identified the alleged attacker as Maslama Thabet, a student at An-Najah University and a nephew of Thabet Thabet, who is the senior Fatah official in Tulkarm.

Some Fatah activists say that Maslama is an agent of the Preventive Security Service, headed by Jibril Rajoub.

The younger Thabet was evicted from a party at the university on Tuesday night for drunken, disorderly behavior. Guards at Shakaa's house, which is nearby, helped evict him.

Shakaa himself has no current legal recourse.

"I will find a way to make him pay," he said, but it isn't clear what he will do. He said he would not turn to the Israeli authorities, which he said are indifferent when Israeli security is not involved. Nor can he turn to Rajoub, whose PSS is despised by most Nablus leaders as being the source of physical intimidation and many assassinations.

"I will wait until the Palestinian Police come," following the planned extension of Palestinian control to cities in Judea and Samaria, he said.

But the police in Jericho and Gaza and the PSS, an arm of Fatah, are both ultimately controlled by the PA and Chairman Yasser Arafat.

On Sunday, Dr. Abdel-Satter Qassem, a rabid critic of the peace process, was shot and wounded near his home. The attackers were presumed to be either Rajoub's men, or agents sent from Gaza to intimidate him after he wrote harshly critical articles about Arafat in a Hamas newspaper.

Al-Quds, which published the academics' petition against intimidation, was itself intimidated into closing for a day Saturday after a phone call from an anonymous caller saying he was from the PA. The call was followed by a visit from a local Fatah activist who is a well-known PSS agent.

B'tselem: Palestinians violate human rights

JON IMMANUEL

THE Jericho branch of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service (PSS) is guilty of gross violations of human rights in areas under Israeli control, and neither Israel nor the Palestinian Authority does anything about it, the human rights organization B'tselem said yesterday, in a report presented at a press conference.

Victims – from Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah and other towns under Israeli control – claimed anonymously that they were tortured in ways that included hooding and sleep deprivation.

They also included dripping molten plastic on flesh, hanging by the feet, and in the case of the only woman detainee, Iman Shihab, pulling of nipples.

"So the victims of torture yesterday become the torturers today," said deputy director of B'tselem Eitan Felner, who wrote the 50-page report together with fieldworker Bassem Eid.

B'tselem maintained that except in the Arab areas of Jerusalem "Israel has almost totally refrained from taking any measures to prevent human rights violations committed by the PSS and bringing those responsible to justice, even though in most cases the identity of the perpetrator is known."

Israel makes an exception in Jerusalem because of the challenge to Israel's sovereignty, "not because they [the PPS agents] harm the well-being of Palestinian residents." This only shows that elsewhere the IDF and the PSS are coordinated, the group claimed.

B'tselem only investigates human rights abuses in areas under Israeli control, but in Gaza, it was understood that "things are not much better." In Jericho there are an estimated 80 prisoners.

Col. Jibril Rajoub, who operates agents out of Jericho, denied the allegations of PSS activity, including torture, saying "The only presence found [outside Jericho] in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and any place is that of Fatah... The involvement of Fatah in addressing the social, political and security problems of our people is perfectly natural. ... The interrogation and detention centers of the PPS in Jericho are subject to supervision and monitoring, and even visits by all human rights organizations."

In a letter to Eid, the PSS Command writes: "In some instances the PSS may have provided support and assistance to Fatah." But it noted that those claiming to have been tortured were "non- objective sources ... criminals, drug dealers, perverts in the national and moral sense."

There was no suggestion that any of those interrogated were suspected terrorists.

"The fact that not one of the PSS agents has been brought to justice by the Palestinian Authority shows that they can conduct gross human rights violations with impunity. A great number of people in the West Bank are living in fear of reprisal," said Felner.

The Defense Ministry responded to B'tselem's charges by saying that "The IDF is aware of its duty to protect the entire population of Judea and Samaria. Towards this end it toils around the clock."

Nevertheless, B'tselem reported that Ahmad Tabouk, considered one of the most abusive Fatah-PSS interrogators, still operates openly out of Fatah's office in Nablus. He is undisturbed by the IDF, which says he is on a wanted list, or by the PSS, which says he is not one of their agents.



Maher Abu Sbeih, 27, yesterday displays at his Jerusalem home bite marks he says were left by members of the Palestinian security forces. (AP)

Court saves alleged bomber's home

THE High Court of Justice yesterday issued a temporary restraining order forbidding the demolition of the home of the family of Sufiyan Jabarin, the alleged Jerusalem suicide bomber.

The family, from Dhahiriya, had petitioned the court, arguing through attorney Leah Tsemel that it has not yet been proven that Jabarin carried out the attack and that the family had yet to identify his body.

The court scheduled a further hearing on Sunday. The family said that security forces had appeared at their home early yesterday morning. They threatened to destroy the house if Jabarin did not give himself up, the family said.

The State Attorney's Office told Tsemel there is no intention of destroying the homes of the families of the Ramat Gan and Jerusalem bus bombers. Should this change, the office said, the families would receive the prior notification required by law.

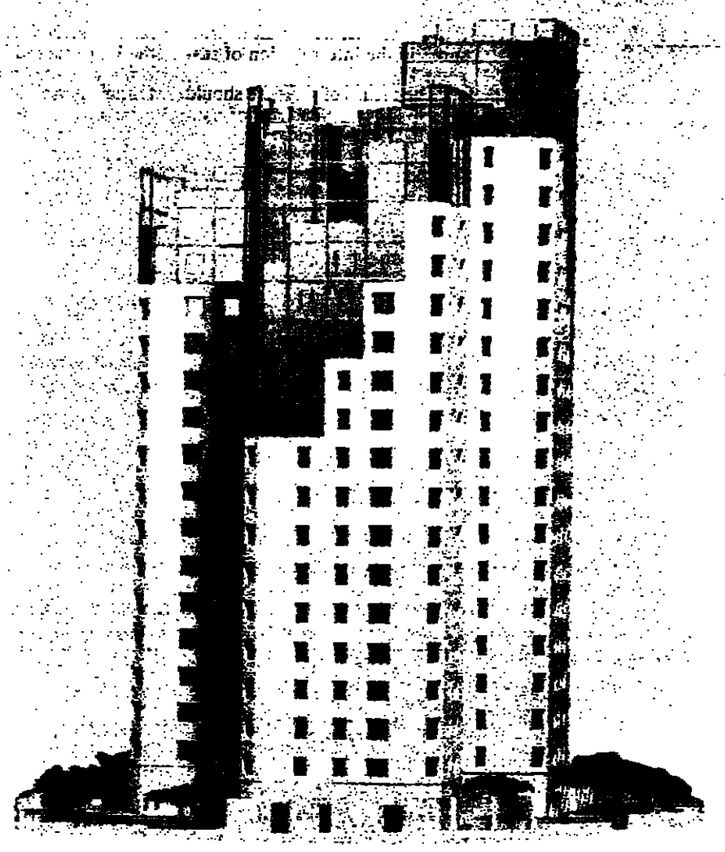
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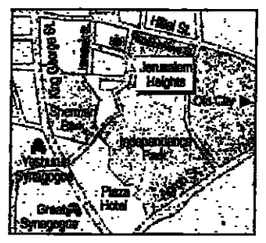
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China expels Wu after convicting him

BEIJING (AP) – Chinese-American human rights activist Harry Wu was expelled from China yesterday, just hours after he was convicted and sentenced to a 15-year prison term for spying and leaking state secrets.

The government-run Xinhua News Agency said in a one-sentence report that Wu left China last evening. It gave no other details.

Hours before, a Chinese court sentenced Wu to a 15-year jail term and said he should be expelled, without specifying when that would happen. The United States had pressed for his release on humanitarian grounds.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry told US officials that Wu was put on a Chinese airliner bound from Shanghai for San Francisco, said US Embassy spokesman Robert Laing. Wu's home is in Milpitas, California, near San Francisco.

His speedy expulsion could ease Sino-US relations, which have steadily deteriorated in recent months over issues such as trade, Taiwan, and human rights.

Resolution of the Wu case may also pave the way for first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to attend the UN-sponsored World Conference on Women next month in Beijing, something China's leaders reportedly want.

The White House has hesitated to say whether she would go pending resolution of Wu's case.

"We have seen the press reports on Harry Wu's expulsion and we can't confirm them at this time," said White House spokeswoman Ginny Terzano, in Wyoming with a vacationing President Clinton.

Wu, 58, who spent 19 years in Chinese labor camps before emigrating to the United States in 1985, had made four clandestine trips to China since 1991 to research, document, and film abuses in China's extensive "reform-through-labor," or laogai, system.

He was taken into custody on June 19 as he attempted to enter China a fifth time, this time at a remote border crossing with Kazakhstan.

Wu's trial was not open to foreign news reporters and was not announced in advance. US Embassy spokesman Robert Laing said Wu and his attorney decided not to appeal. A consular official attended the trial, he said.

The first word of the trial and sentencing came Thursday morning from Xinhua, which moved increasingly detailed dispatches on Wu's crimes throughout the day. The nationally televised evening news devoted several minutes to Wu's trial, and followed up the newscast with a special 15-minute report on Wu.

Xinhua also filed a long report on an interview with the court's chief judge that detailed Wu's crimes, including alleged offenses dating back to his college years, and quoted from his purported letter of confession.

Wu lists specific acts dating back to his 1991 trips that violated Chinese law including filming and photographing in labor camps and posing as a businessman.

Zaire to okay Rwandan repatriation plan

KINSHASA (Reuter) – The Zaire government yesterday signaled it would approve a UN program for voluntary repatriation of Rwandan refugees, after an outcry against the expulsion of thousands from camps in eastern Zaire.

Carrol Faubert, an envoy of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), flew to Kinshasa for talks after saying he wanted to transform the expulsions by the Zairean army into voluntary repatriation.

"The international community has examined the announcement by which the UNHCR says it is ready to take over the ongoing repatriations, on the initiative of the Zaire government. The government and the president take note of this announcement with satisfaction," said a statement from Foreign Minister Gerard Kamanda wa Kamanda.

A spokesman in the prime minister's office said talks were scheduled between Faubert and the government yesterday.

"We are going to discuss the transformation of the operation from one of forcing the refugees back to one of voluntary repatriation," he said.

Zaire kept its troops out of the refugee camps yesterday. The spokesman said the army had halted the repatriations to give time for talks with the UN

The UN's top refugee official Sadako Ogata is due in Kinshasa next week. Kamanda's statement said Zaire was prepared to start a voluntary repatriation project before then.

"The government is already prepared to run the operation with the delegates of the UNHCR in North and South Kivu, while awaiting the arrival of Mrs Sadako Ogata," the statement said.

More than a million refugees, all Hutus, fled to Zaire from Rwanda to escape civil war last year before the Tutsi-dominated Rwanda Patriotic Front seized power from the Hutu government.

Many fear they will be killed in reprisal for the genocide of up to one million Tutsis and Hutu moderates by Hutu troops and militiamen, who escaped to Zaire along with civilians.

Peacekeepers withdraw from Goradze 'safe area'

SARAJEVO (AP) – The withdrawal of peacekeepers from the Gorazde "safe area" hit a snag yesterday when government troops decided to charge for their stay, UN officials said.

The first group of peacekeepers, Ukrainians, have pulled out but UN spokeswoman Maj. Myriam Sochacki said they had to leave their commanding officer and an aide behind because of a "contractual problem" with local authorities.

A UN official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said government troops were demanding 20,000 German marks (NIS 40,000) for them to leave.

"They are demanding the money for what they call rent for buildings used by the Ukrainians, and also for what they say is damage to the environment caused by the Ukrainians," said the official.

The United Nations is trying to make its soldiers less subject to hostage-taking, but an international aid organization blasted the withdrawal as leaving the enclave's residents more vulnerable than ever.

Two British convoys, carrying vehicles and equipment, also were scheduled to leave yesterday.

UN spokesman Alexander Ivanko said the British convoys had been cleared to leave by the surrounding Serbs – who earlier delayed their departure – but not by the government.

The source said the British, too, were being delayed by a demand for money.

UN spokesmen claim Gorazde can be protected from the air alone, though NATO officials have said some UN ground presence is needed.

Bosnia's ambassador to London, Muhamed Filipovic, said the UN withdrawal would make no difference because it was not defending Gorazde.

Doctors Without Borders said failure to maintain a UN peacekeeping presence in Gorazde "is in blatant contradiction with the various international commitments to protect the enclave."

Evacuated Montserrat residents wait out volcano

ST. JOHN'S (Reuter) – Heavy rain from approaching storm systems yesterday added to the discomfort for thousands of people evacuated from their homes on this tiny Caribbean island because of a rumbling volcano.

Scientists warned there was a 75 percent chance the volcano on Chances Peak would erupt on the British colony island in the eastern Caribbean 40 km southwest of Antigua and 400 km southeast of Puerto Rico.

Authorities ordered the evacuation of about two-thirds of Montserrat's 11,000 residents to the northern end of the 10-by-18-km island. They were told to expect to be out of their homes for at least 48 hours.

The evacuation was complicated by the approach of Hurricanes Humberto and Iris, which caused heavy rains. It was not clear if Montserrat would be directly affected by the hurricanes.

The approaching storms were especially troubling for several hundred people living in tent cities after their evacuation from the southern half of the island.

The volcano on Chances Peak, which last had a major eruption more than 100 years ago, has been spewing ash and hot gases since July 18.

A 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew was imposed in the evacuation zone, which included the half of the island south of the Belham River.

Invisible Yeltsin said to be full of energy

MOSCOW (Reuter) – A Kremlin aide dismissed speculation Boris Yeltsin had fallen ill and said the Russian president was brimming with energy at a meeting yesterday and spoke with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl on the telephone.

Economic aide Alexander Livshits said Yeltsin, 64, presided over a meeting to discuss the future of the ruble currency.

"He was in excellent form," Livshits told a news conference after the government meeting. "He was full of energy."

But there were no pictures of the meeting and the president, who did not show up as scheduled to open an air show near Moscow on Tuesday, has not been seen in public all week. He was last seen at an ice hockey match on August 15.

In Bonn, a German government spokeswoman confirmed Kohl had spoken to Yeltsin but declined to make any further comment.

One Western diplomat said suspicion might grow if Yeltsin stayed out of sight for days or weeks, but there was no reason yet for serious concern.

The air show no-show fueled speculation that Yeltsin, who had a mild heart attack on July 10, was again ill or unable to work.

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A policeman carries away an injured colleague hurt during a clash with right-wing demonstrators outside the Prime Minister's Office yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

'Choosy' mayor denied trip abroad

BATSHEVA TSUR

JEWISH Agency Chairman Avraham Burg has canceled a scheduled visit to Argentina by Dimona Mayor Gabi Lalouche, following accusations that Lalouche was "selecting" the new immigrants who could come to live in his town.

Lalouche was due to leave for Buenos Aires next week, on a two-week mission at the invitation and expense of the agency, to interview prospective candidates for aliya who are interested in living in Dimona. But, when the request came before Burg, he decided not to give Lalouche authorization until the matter had been clarified, the agency spokesman said.

Lalouche, according to media reports, last week instructed city officials not to permit immigrants older than 55 to settle in Dimona; to exclude those who suffer from chronic illnesses; to accept single parents only below 45, who earn at least NIS 3,000 a month; and to turn away single people who do not have relatives living in the town.

Furthermore, he allegedly ordered a "discreet investigation" of the criminal records of anyone who had been in the country for more than two years.

Lalouche reportedly said that Dimona should not be "the dumping ground for bad merchandise." He also reportedly said that the town was not able to help needy immigrants financially.

According to a report in *Yediot Aharonot*, elderly immigrants had literally been turned away on arrival in the town and water had been shut off to buildings where immigrants were being housed.

But the Absorption Ministry spokesman said that only seven "needy" families had been sent to public housing in Dimona since the beginning of the year, and that the local authority had been compensated with special assistance. At the same time, many immigrants with academic backgrounds had gone there and had strengthened the population in general, the spokesman said.

New immigrants comprise about 15 percent of Dimona's population.

Burg said he was horrified by the reports from Dimona and could not sanction Lalouche's trip until they had met. There are objective problems in the development towns, Burg said, but it is untenable to think that the immigrants should have to suffer as a result of this.

But Aliya Department head Uri Gordon told Israel Radio that Burg's decision was a "mistake." Lalouche had highlighted a real problem – the large percentage of needy families that are being sent to development towns, and this is not a reason to prevent him from going on his planned mission.

Gordon said he would bring the matter up at the forthcoming Zionist Executive meeting in hopes of persuading Burg to change his decision.

Thai workers allegedly poaching wildlife

DAVID RUDGE

WORKERS from Thailand are allegedly poaching wildlife in protected areas thereby threatening the continued existence of some endangered species, the Nature Reserves Authority (NRA) said yesterday.

The allegations follow a series of incidents in the North in which Thai workers have been caught or seen poaching in nature reserves along the coast, and as far inland as the Golan.

The NRA said it would take drastic measures against any Thai workers caught poaching, as well as against their employers.

"Many snares of various types for trapping wildlife, as well as nets and fishing spears of Thai workers have been discovered recently in the Emek Hefer region [Hadera], on the Carmel, in the Ramot Menashe area and the southern reaches of the Golan," said the NRA spokesperson.

"Five Thai workers were caught by an NRA ranger in the Nahal Alexander region recently with 25 kg. of fish that they had caught with nets and fishing spears. Fishing in the river is permitted with fishing rods only," she said.

The spokesperson said Thai workers had also been seen using fishing spears to catch fish in a protected area of Lake Kinneret.

In other incidents, Thai workers had been spotted along the coast digging up and carrying away the eggs of sea turtles, considered an endangered species.

They were also believed to be responsible for laying snares in various parts of the North and on the southern reaches of the Golan to catch wild animals. In some cases the animals were found dead or dying in the traps. They included wildfowl, martens and jackals.

The NRA spokesperson said all Thai workers, before entering the country, signed a document explaining the hunting laws and the penalties for harming protected species.

The spokesperson added that any Thai worker caught poaching or harming protected species would be immediately deported, and the authority would demand cancellation of his employer's permit to have foreign workers.

Two children playing with lighter set apartment on fire

TWO children, playing with a lighter when left at home alone, set their Netanya apartment on fire yesterday morning.

When the bed caught fire, the children ran out of the apartment. The rest of the apartment then caught fire, and the flames threatened to spread to the rest of the floor. It took firemen two hours to extinguish the blaze. The children and a firemen were briefly hospitalized for smoke inhalation.

In Haifa, a fire caused by an electrical fault broke out on the lower floors of a 14-story office building on Wednesday night. The lower floors of the building served as the Haifa headquarters of Bank Leumi.

Fireman managed to confine the blaze to the first two floors, but the upper stories were damaged by smoke and water. Three firemen were lightly injured fighting the blaze, which took four hours to put out.

In Tel Aviv, the offices of Africa Israel-Tourism and Recreation were damaged by a fire that broke out at about 2 a.m. yesterday. It took firemen two hours to extinguish the blaze, whose cause is unknown. No signs of arson were found. (Itim)

Former 'Yediot' editor sues successor for damages

FORMER *Yediot Aharonot* editor Dov Yudkovsky and his wife Lea filed suit yesterday in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court against the paper's current editor, Moshe Vardi, and other senior editors, claiming damages resulting from the alleged tapping of their phone and the phone of their daughter, Etty Yudkovsky-Lieber.

The suit claims that during the years 1992-93, their phones and home fax machines were tapped at the behest of Vardi, managing editor Arnon Mozes, and assignments editor Ruth Ben-Ari.

In addition to the gross violation of privacy this constituted, the suit says, the tapping was paid for by Vardi at the newspaper's expense, that is, at the expense of the company's shareholders, among them Lea Yudkovsky and Yudkovsky-Lieber.

The suit also notes the severity of the alleged offenses, given the defendants' positions as journalists ethically bound to protect and uphold basic democratic norms.

The three are claiming NIS 1 million in damages. (Itim)

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The Hamas-Likud pairing

THE complex Israeli-Palestinian relationship has given birth to a nasty new myth which began, like many such myths, with a lie so egregious that it could only be considered laughable. Now it threatens to become conventional wisdom.

Soon after the Beit Lid massacre, in which 21 Israeli soldiers were killed by two Islamic Jihad suicide bombers, Palestinian Authority chief Yasser Arafat told a group of visiting dignitaries that right-wing Israelis had collaborated with the killers. Otherwise, he said, the killers could not have passed through several army checkposts without being stopped.

The implications were mind-boggling: not only was Arafat implying that Israelis would participate in the mass murder of Israeli soldiers. He was saying that the Israeli conspirators were so powerful that they could exercise control over the army units all along the route the killers took from Gaza to Beit Lid.

The visitors who heard the story, knowing that it could only be interpreted as the ravings of a lunatic, kept it mostly to themselves. Being supporters of the peace process, they thought reporting it would embarrass Arafat and harm his credibility. But at least one listener divulged its contents privately, and it became known. To the amazement of many, Arafat kept repeating it both before visitors from abroad and to visiting Israelis.

On Tuesday, the day after the bus bombing in Jerusalem, Arafat decided to come out publicly with these "revelations." He not only announced in Gaza that there was collaboration between what he called "Israeli and Palestinian extremists," but that he had documents proving it.

One of his lieutenants, Secretary-General of the Palestinian Authority Tayeb Raheem, went into details. He said that the Israeli army and other security services contained secret organizations like the French OAS during Algeria's war of independence. They and the Islamic fanatics have a common interest to defeat the Oslo agreement, he said, repeating that the PLO has documents to prove the allegation.

On the Voice of Palestine radio he went further, asserting specifically that these "extremist elements" want to weaken both the PLO and the Israel Labor Party, and that they hope the Likud will return to power. To prove his point he reminded his listeners that the Islamic militants started growing under Likud rule and that there is "coordination and collaboration" between them. Moreover, many of them called on their followers inside Israel to vote for "extremist parties like Shas."

Raheem's "proof" for the collaboration between Israeli rightists and the militants consists of testimony by Gaza residents accused of recruiting young men for terrorist strikes. "They admitted that they sent the two Islamic operatives who hit Beit Lid to the Dahaniya camp, where only collaborators with Israel can enter, and that the terrorists spent the night in Dahaniya, and got Israeli uniforms and explosives there," he said. "We hope that Israeli decision-makers will understand that there are forces in Israel who are coordinated with extremist elements in Gaza."

It would be easy to dismiss such insults to the intelligence as childish efforts to explain away Arafat's inability or unwillingness to control Islamic terrorism. They are such crude imitations of Nazi and Soviet techniques that they cannot be taken seriously even as "Big Lie" propaganda.

But the attempt to portray the Islamic terrorists as opponents of the Labor government rather than as enemies of the State of Israel (and Jews in general) is no longer confined to the PLO. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has often accused his opposition of collaborating with Hamas by calling for the suspension of the talks with the Palestinians; and the latest Hamas broadcast from Damascus, which vowed to cause the fall of the Rabin government, has provided Labor with ammunition.

The Peace Bloc faction of the peace camp, whose slogans are all too often taken up by Labor, yesterday published an advertisement alleging that, "There is now a partnership-of-purpose between the enemies of peace of the two nations – [aimed at] toppling Rabin and Arafat, burying the Oslo agreement, and preventing reconciliation between [Palestinians and Israelis.]" *The New York Times* headlined a story on Wednesday, "Arab Militants and Israeli Rightists Both Seek to Oust Rabin."

Before obscene parallels are drawn between the democratic opposition in Israel and Hamas terrorists, it may be wise to realize that fanatic Moslem leaders always personalize their enemies. Ayatollah Khomeini considered then president Jimmy Carter his nemesis and – vowing to bring about his downfall – refused to release the American Embassy hostages before Carter left office. Saddam Hussein made his war with the West a personal vendetta with then president George Bush. For Hamas, the current villain is Rabin, who expelled 400 of its operatives in 1992 and arrested 4,000 of them in the past few months. To suggest that Hamas would rather see the Likud in power is to trivialize the depth of its hatred for Israel.

It is not difficult to imagine what the pairing of Likud and Hamas is intended to achieve. The agreement between Arafat's PA and Hamas allows the Islamic organization to function with impunity in Gaza. The latest GSS bust of a Hamas cell responsible for the recent bus bombing has revealed that the suicide bombers received their training and instructions in Gaza. All Israeli security agencies agree that none of Arafat's nine security forces is truly fighting the terrorist groups. There is no better way to deflect attention from this dereliction than to charge that Israel's right wing helps the terrorists. It would be a shame if the Labor Party stoops to using this charge for its own election purposes.

The shaking technique



Democracy cannot be divided

DAN LEON

IN the opposition's present campaign against the government, its most significant argument by far is that this government is not entitled to implement the present stage of the peace process because *it lacks a Jewish or Zionist majority.*

If Israel sees itself as a democratic state, this claim carries far-reaching implications for the very nature of Israeli society.

Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu recently said that the government must go to the people because it lacks "a Zionist majority." He means, of course, a *Jewish* majority, since Agudat Yisrael, which has often been in coalition with the Likud, is kosher because it is Jewish, even though it arose in 1912 in Europe in opposition to Zionism, and its Palestinian wing was founded in 1919 by fanatically anti-Zionist haredim.

Specifically, it is the five MKs wholly or largely elected by Arab citizens who are to be excluded from the "Jewish majority."

Right-wing and religious spokesmen have never minced their words:

Ariel Sharon: The future of the territories "cannot be decided by the votes of Israeli Arabs, who see themselves as part of the Arab Palestinian people. Maybe some will say that this is not democratic. But our grandparents and parents came here not to establish a democratic state, but a state for the Jews."

The late Rabbi Shlomo Goren: "Decisions on the future of Eretz Yisrael by an Israeli government which rests upon the votes of non-Jews are invalid."

Yisrael Harel (chairman of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza): "Only unqualified approval by a Jewish majority can lend some form of legitimacy to the government's acts." (Ironically, his article is called "On the Way to Chaos," *The Jerusalem Post*, August 8.)

Rabbi Benny Elon (a leader of Zo Artzenu, which supports a campaign of civil disobedience against the government): "[Israeli Arabs] are entitled to vote... but in provisional and permanent institutions."

In fact, there is very much more than a "constitutional flaw" in the concept of a "state for the Jews," as against a "democratic state."

Dividing the population of Israel into two categories, only one of which is entitled to exercise its basic rights as citizens on questions crucial to the country's future, is anti-democratic in the fullest sense of the word.

Chaim Weizmann, in notes written after the 1947 partition proposal, said: "There must not be one law for the Jews and another for the Arabs. We must stand firm by the ancient principle enunciated in our Torah: 'One law and one manner shall be for you and for the stranger (*ger*) that sojourneth with you.'"

> Those who uphold the principle of 'Zionist majority' are anti-democratic in the fullest sense of the word

It is precisely this idea of one law that the "Jewish majority" people are rejecting.

Weizmann added that because there will be a large Arab minority (as we now know, it looked much larger in 1947 than it was actually to be), "the world will judge the Jewish state by what it does with the Arabs."

Nearly 50 years on, the world will condemn, rightly, a Jewish state which brazenly discriminates against its Arab citizens.

This should not be seen as a left-right issue, but as one of the overall defense of democracy. However, it also concerns the future of Zionism.

When this discrimination is presented in the name of Zionism, the Zionist movement, at home and abroad, should speak up. If Zionism, as a movement of Jewish renaissance, was and is a democratic movement, it can have no truck with the "Zionist majority" claim. Otherwise, there is a clear contradiction between Zionism and democracy.

At the coming Zionist Congress marking the centenary of the movement, it has been suggested that Israel should be redefined as "the state of the Jewish people and of all its citizens."

Thomas Paine wrote in *The Rights of Man* in 1791 that "no man is prejudiced in favor of a thing knowing it to be wrong. He is attached to it on the belief that it is right."

This is apt and timely because, whether they do or do not know it is wrong, those recommending that we deny the democratic rights of about a fifth of our citizenry are taking a step of extraordinary significance for our society.

Israel is not the only country in the world where the democratic process has to incorporate the rights of minority groups.

Indeed, the political history of our times teaches us time and again and without exception that democracy is indivisible. What is at stake is Israeli democracy as a whole.

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US Jewish leaders' sin of silence

SHMUEL KATZ

At the opening session of the Hadassah conference in Jerusalem last week, Prime Minister Rabin made a memorable statement. Reacting to the hecklers, he said: "I would advise that [anyone] who does not send [her] children to serve in the army should not pass any judgment." (*The Jerusalem Post*, August 14).

The choice of this criterion opens a window to a host of problems. A spry American heckler might manage to retort: "what about Clinton? Will he send his child to the Israel army? Or Warren Christopher? Do Dennis Ross, or Aron Miller or Dan Kurzer (who are, as it happens, Jewish Americans, just like the members of Hadassah) send their children to Israel's army?

All of them not only "pass judgment," but have been playing a major role in shaping Israel's life-and-death policy, as did president Bush and secretary of state Baker (helped by the ubiquitous Ross, Miller, and Kurzer).

Did not Mr. Rabin claim (in another memorable statement, reported by William Safire in his *New York Times* column) that the idea of Israeli withdrawal from the Golan came from president Bush, thus nullifying both Rabin's own passionate pledges to the residents of the Golan and overruling the opposition of the huge majority of Israeli citizens who do send their children to the army?

The leaders of most of the bodies represented in the Conference of Presidents appear to have adhered to Rabin's principle, lucidly restated only last week in a letter to *The Jerusalem Post* (August 14) by Abraham H. Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, "that since Israelis, not American Jews, are the ones who face the life-and-death struggle of war and terrorism, Israelis are the ones who should decide their future on life-and-death matters."

But those American Jewish leaders (including Mr. Foxman) have sinned grievously. Oddly enough, this was demonstrated recently by the Presidents' Conference itself denouncing Yasser Arafat for his repeated promises of a jihad directed of course at the Jewish people and their state. The presidents actually sensed that there was something incongruous in the declarations by the negotiator for peace that he was in fact planning war.

Why the sudden presidential outburst? Is it only now that the presidents have heard the true voice of Yasser Arafat?

In just about every address to Moslem audiences, Arafat assures them that the "peace process" is merely one of the "phases" in the plan originally proclaimed in 1974 (and underwritten by all the Arab states) for the reduction and final elimination of Israel. Is it unfair to suggest that the suddenness of the presidents' statement stems from pressures in the American Jewish community, where uneasiness is spreading about the future of Israel and the real meaning of the "peace process"?

Their sin lies not only in their own silence. It lies in their failure to tax the American administration with its silence.

Is it not disturbing, to say the very least, that the administration, a full self-identified partner and an overseer of the peace process, has said not a word about the plethora of known violations by the Arabs? It has ignored the most serious violation of all – the failure of the Arabs to abandon the outrageous Palestinian Covenant which proclaims death to Israel and deportation, or worse, for the bulk of its Jewish inhabitants.

That abandonment was to have been the precondition for any negotiations at all and, indeed, it was so promised by Arafat.

The administration, moreover, ignores the hutzpa of Arafat's excuses. First he announces that he cannot command a majority in the governing body of the PLO – in other words, he really had no mandate to conduct honest negotiations. Second, he admits that he doesn't really intend to have the covenant canceled; and third, he promises to cancel it only after Israel agrees to all the crucial concessions he is demanding.

And the Presidents' Conference says nothing. None of this moves it. And that isn't all.

Where the State Department has published periodic reports on PLO implementations of its undertakings, they turn out to be fabrications – obvious cover ups for PLO violations. Protests have been voiced from many quarters; but not from the presidents.

A LARGE group of concerned US legislators, as well as a number of Jewish and Gentile activist friends of Israel, recently tried to ensure that the progressive funding promised to the PLO ($500 million) be made strictly dependent on the implementation of its undertakings. A thorough investigation, in the US and Europe, carried out under the auspices of Washington's general accounting office, showed that the PLO's record was unsatisfactory, whereupon the administration "classified" (that is, buried) the GAO report.

Arafat, with this kind of US cooperation (be sure he is laughing his head off), can continue spreading his message of jihad-on-the-way through the Moslem world.

There is consequently a high measure of uneasiness in the Jewish community and among Israel's many Christian friends. It is evidently not shared by those who claim to be leaders – or they are afraid to exercise their right, as American citizens, to criticize their government.

Maybe they feel they are doing their duty by giving their support to the "peace process" on the grounds that this is the will of the people in Israel who "send their children to the army" and voice this argument of compassion, moreover, to answer critics in America.

They are laboring under a misapprehension. There is a quirk in Israel's parliamentary democracy of which they are perhaps unaware. They know that Israel is "split down the middle" between those who accept Rabin's promise that the "process" will end in peace, and those who are certain that, when carried to its conclusion, the process will bring on war.

The majority of people who send their children to the army and face the life-and-death struggle of war and terrorism are against the Rabin "peace process" policy. This has actually been demonstrated in the Knesset.

In the recent vote on the question of a referendum on the Golan, the Labor-Meretz coalition received 59 votes, against 59 votes for the opposition. But at least five of Rabin's 59 do not, by definition, send their children to the army. They are members representing the Arab community – and Arabs do not serve in the army. Voting for the opposition were 59 Jews and a Druse, whose communities do send their children to the armed forces.

Rabin knows the implications of that vote. He has frequently asserted that he heads a minority government, but refuses to go to the people.

American Jews do not vote in Israel, but there are several lessons they can learn about the current dangerous tensions in the Israeli Jewish community.

The writer's biography of Ze'ev Jabotinsky will soon be appearing in English.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POLICE BRUTALITY

Sir, – On Tisha Be'av, when we mourn the destruction of both the First and Second Temples, which also symbolized the end of Jewish statehood, I, like hundreds of others, proceeded to the Mugrabi Gate, at the Temple Mount, hoping to gain entry, in accordance with the Supreme Court ruling rendered a few days earlier. However, the sloped narrow entrance was blocked by dozens of police, who after a certain while, upon signal, tried to break up the assembly that had legally gathered there.

To my horror and disbelief, I then witnessed a series of acts that were sheer and unmitigated police brutality that tarnishes and defames the good name of the Jewish State.

In one instance, a policeman repeatedly beat and shoved an old woman who refused to leave the spot, where she had a perfect right to be. When others in the crowd went to her assistance, they too were attacked. In another instance, a haredi-dressed man was knocked to the ground when he protested in a dignified way the violent removal of another person who was defending himself against excessive police force being used to eject him from the site. Anyone who dared to open their mouth to comment on what was occurring before their very eyes was immediately subject to a police assault.

Most shocking of all was the ill-treatment accorded the leader of the Temple Mount Faithful, Gershon Salomon, whose persistence in securing Jewish rights of prayer on the Temple Mount finally won the endorsement of the Supreme Court. But this great accomplishment was frustrated by what appeared to be police "coordination" in advance with Arab opponents of Jewish rights of prayer on the Temple Mount. Arabs were purposely incited to create the necessary "security threat" which enabled the police to close the Temple Mount to Jewish prayer. Salomon, who was seriously wounded in action in the Six Day War on the Syrian front and as a result suffers from a permanent walking disability, had to endure the gross indignity of being seized by the police and dragged away by several husky officers who then put him down on the pavement where he received a hard blow to his head that caused him to lose consciousness. By good fortune, he was saved from being trampled upon by the milling throng, by a few of his loyal followers, who helped to shield him from further injuries. It is incredible that a man of Salomon's stature should have been subject to this kind of vicious treatment by the police!

One wonders how Jewish police in the Jewish State can behave in such a cruel and savage fashion to fellow Jews, which has no precedent in the history of the state.

HOWARD GRIEF

Jerusalem.

ABIE NATHAN'S APPEAL

Sir, – In your editorial of August 1, "Puzzling police actions," the writer asserts that "on Saturday night of October 6, 1973, the day the Yom Kippur War began, the Voice of Peace called on Israeli soldiers to 'put down your weapons and give peace a chance.' It was outright sedition in time of war..."

I also heard that broadcast, and Abie Nathan's appeal was clearly directed to all the warring parties – Israel, Syria and Egypt. As a veteran of eight months' service in the Yom Kippur War and its aftermath on the Golan Heights, I can attest that Abie's sincere and naive appeal in no way affected our determination to defend the country. It certainly was not seditious.

HILLEL SCHENKER

Tel Aviv.

DISCRIMINATION

Sir, – What is going on here? Jews are forcibly prevented from praying, undemocratically denied free access to the Temple Mount, and cruelly evicted by other Jews! What a spectacle for the whole world to watch! All this in a "Jewish State."

If this had happened anywhere else, the Jewish community would be up in arms. We would have witnessed an outpouring of righteous indignation and heard deafening cries of antisemitism. But the double standard does not end there.

If it had been Christians or Moslems who received such shabby treatment from Israeli policemen, the UN would have quickly convened to condemn such a callous display of religious discrimination and demand an immediate end to the flagrant violation of religious rights Israel has sworn to uphold.

It is all too evident that the Temple Mount is not "in our hands." It remains under a defiant Moslem occupation that continues to mock Israeli sovereignty. The Temple Mount is not in our hands because it is not in our hearts and minds. This is a terrible indictment against our political and religious "leaders." I doubt Jews prayed for 2,000 years to return to Zion and pray at a wall.

DAVID BEN-ARIEL

Jerusalem.

POTENTIAL THREAT

Sir, – We have been told that, if the Ramot Eshkol suicide bomber turns out to have been a woman, the police will reassess their security procedures regarding women. Why isn't the possibility of women bombers a sufficient reason? Must we always be one step behind the terrorists?

ISRAEL PICKHOLTZ

Elazar.

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Our debt to the IDF

CHAIM HERZOG

THERE'S a lot of deja vu in the current debate over service conditions in the IDF's regular forces.

Each time, more or less the same thing happens. A significant cut is made, creating demoralization. It is followed by desperate attempts to offer advantages to reinforce the security forces.

It last happened in the 1980s. When cuts resulted in an alarming reduction in the numbers volunteering for the regular army, the government authorized additional wages and new incentives aimed at drawing young people back into uniform.

The minister of finance has every good intention – of that I am convinced; but in dealing with such a delicate problem, one ought to be careful not to create media hysteria, which damages the army's resilience and its image.

Let us not forget that our main purpose is to protect our security using the best human resources – combat, technical and technological.

We are passing through a very uncertain and dangerous period, and it could well last for some time. In our current situation, one thing is clear: We still need a strong army.

It was the strength and ability of the IDF which brought us peace with Jordan and the current peace process. This force must continue to protect us. Any attempt to belittle the resilience and image of our armed forces will not serve the peace process.

In the army are many men who daily put their lives on the line in the cause of protecting the state and ensuring its continued security. They should be encouraged, especially during a period in which private interest seems to have come to dominate the public interest.

In the public debate, an understandable attempt has been made to distinguish between the conditions of combat soldiers and the conditions of those who are not serving in the front lines. Obviously, one must encourage those who choose combat service, and give them priority.

But we cannot ignore the fact that a modern army also rests on a high level of technology, which requires a considerable number of highly qualified personnel handling technological and administrative matters. No army today can operate effectively otherwise.

In our case, we are in danger of affecting the balance between the salaries earned by regular soldiers and the competition that exists in the open market.

Some ministers have complained that, at a certain level, they are paid less than senior army officers. But if we make serious cuts in army pay, we will sooner or later find ourselves begging our young people to continue serving and to join the regular forces.

How much should Israel pay its soldiers in the regular army?

I doubt that the public would have the same reaction were some of our ministers to decide to cut short their periods of service.

WE ARE also facing a moral problem. People have served and continue to serve faithfully on the basis of conditions which were promised to them, and which have been given all along. It wouldn't be fair suddenly to undermine the economic basis on which they have built their lives and planned their retirement.

Undoubtedly there are a number of anomalies in the salaries of the regular forces, and I support those who maintain that the defense budget and construction of the defense establishment should be thoroughly examined. But in so doing, we must be careful not to cut off the branch on which we are sitting.

MK Ori Orr, chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, has proposed setting up a public commission composed of defense personnel and economists. The committee, doing its work far away from the glare of the press and the noise of the political debate, would analyze the problem in a realistic manner. This proposal seems a valid one.

Of course, the armed forces are not above criticism. I myself have often criticized much that the army has done. But there are two kinds of criticism: constructive criticism based on the premise that the armed forces are an institution which must be protected and encouraged, and criticism for its own sake, which is highly damaging. One needs to distinguish between them.

I am concerned about the fact that, to the public, only the negative aspects of what the defense establishment does get publicly emphasized. I am concerned about what I perceive as a collective attack on the army, and the damage that is being done to the concept of security as a national value.

I am also worried about possible damage to the standing of the IDF as a people's army, and about a situation in which the courts pass judgment on the decisions made by a commander in the field during an operation under cross-fire, in cases where there has obviously been no criminal negligence. Only those who have been under cross-fire know what it means.

At the same time, I do not absolve the military leadership of its responsibility for the standing and image of this important body. On the contrary: Army leaders bear no less responsibility than the politicians and the media.

They are responsible for daily life in the army, for dealing with the many discipline problems, for the leaks that occur all too often at the senior level, for training accidents, and the many instances of inadequate concern for the welfare of the ordinary soldier.

Clearly there is much the army can do to improve its image. But let us not forget that we are still dependent on it and the other security bodies as a vital instrument guaranteeing our existence and security.

The writer was Israel's sixth president.



Let's get the facts straight

AMNON RUBINSTEIN

JOURNALISTS and others have recently expressed some very imaginative, and totally false, assertions about my ministry's activities.

Not that these surprised me. After so many years in the public sector, one builds a sort of immunity to unbridled attacks which have nothing to do with reality.

I have, however, come to the conclusion that real and constructive criticism will remain stifled so long as outrageous allegations continue to be propagated.

In the past few weeks, this page has featured the following charges:

In an Oleg cartoon (July 9), a reporter says, "Half the students have failed matriculation... Israel is losing its position in science."

In a letter bemoaning the promotion of peace studies (August 7), Judy Lev writes: "[Children] were forced to buy workbooks presenting the government's view of the peace process."

And an editorial (July 28), citing a report by the Israel Association for Ethiopian Jews entitled "Creating an Underclass," warns that "The educational policies of the government and the Jewish Agency are steadily and inexorably transforming Ethiopian immigrants into a black underclass." The editorial goes on to state that "Ethiopian children are in effect segregated in schools and in classes."

Concrete evidence of genuine progress made by the ministry since this government came into power in 1992 refutes these myths. Compare the above charges with the following facts:

- After years of severe cuts, the ministry's budget has been increased by 50 percent in real terms. The school day has been extended, and a weekly total of 250,000 school hours has been added.
- An unprecedented $500-million project has been initiated to build and equip 75 science and arts centers, featuring sophisticated laboratories, within three years. Next January's Jerusalem International Science and Technology Education Conference (JISTEC '96) will highlight recent breakthroughs in educating students in these areas, as well as the nation's centrality as a global leader in high-tech and scientific research.
- There has been a marked increase in the number of new or renovated science rooms and labs. Last year saw a more than 100-percent increase in preschool science corners. Consistent improvements were achieved in the ratio of students to computer terminals – by 1997, the figure is expected to drop to one terminal for every 12 students. The average for 1992 was something like one terminal for every 38 high school students.

The reality in education today is vastly different from the malicious claims of journalists and others

A NETWORK of academic colleges currently in formation will enable some 2,500 additional students to attain a B.Tech academic degree by the end of the decade (a 25-fold increase over the number of B.Tech college students today). By the year 2000, three new technological colleges will have been established and other existing programs expanded, supplying desperately needed practical engineers and other high-tech and scientific personnel.

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- Since 1993 there has been a fivefold increase in the number of students in special matriculation classes. Figures currently being compiled point to a noticeable rise in the percentage of those passing matriculation exams. The percentage of 17 year olds taking matriculation exams rose from 52.8 percent in 1992 to 60.4 percent in 1994. A 2.5 percent increase in the number of 17-year-olds passing the exams on the first attempt during this period gives the lie to the Oleg cartoon cited above.
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There is still much to be done in educating our young people, and in remedying the neglect caused by previous governments' budgetary cuts. What we need is levelheaded and constructive input, not unsubstantiated, exaggerated criticism.

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Climbing out of the rut

YOSEF GOELL

IT should be obvious. Not even in response to terrorist outrages such as this week's suicide bombing in Jerusalem will Prime Minister Rabin in so many words declare an end to the peace process with the PLO set off by the Oslo agreements two years ago.

But the continuing terrorist attacks and the signs that a large part of the non-ideological public has lost confidence in Rabin's ability to oversee the country's security are having their cumulative impact.

It is important to recall that this same majority provided overwhelming support for the Oslo experiment two years ago.

The tendency for government spokesmen to repeat the post-atrocity twaddle that "we will not permit the Islamic extremist terrorists to win a victory by putting an end to the peace process" is wearing thin.

Note should be taken of other developments that seem to indicate attempts, however hesitant, to break out of that rut.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak testified before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee two days after the Sderot Eshkol bus bombing that the extension of Palestinian autonomy into its next phase will fail if the Palestinian Authority and the armed Palestinian police forces do not cooperate fully with the IDF in fighting terrorism.

Shahak told the committee that it would be very difficult for the IDF and the security services to continue crucial intelligence operations in the major Palestinian cities once the army withdraws from them. Shahak would not have come out with such statements without prior approval from Rabin.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, in an angry exchange on Monday night's *Popolitika* TV program, insisted that the main reason for the failure to reach rapid agreement with the Palestinians in the Oslo 2 talks is that he and the Israeli team are going to heroic lengths to ensure total Israeli control of security in Area B. This area covers over 400 Arab villages outside the seven main cities of Area A. Earlier reports from the talks indicated that Peres and his Foreign Ministry team had been eager to agree to far-reaching IDF withdrawal from Area B.

Dyed-in-the-wool Labor doves such as Tourism Minister Uzi Baram and party Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli are suddenly arguing that it would be better to sign whatever Oslo 2 agreements are finally concluded amid as low a profile as possible, in contrast to the White House lawn hoopla that is being prepared.

Oslo's mistakes must be corrected when they involve life-and-death issues

Earlier in the week, before the latest bus bombing, orchestrated official Israeli admiration was expressed for "Yasser Arafat's determination" in apprehending an intended Hamas suicide bomber in Gaza who had been fingered by the General Security Service

The sum total of the above post-bombing official statements, however, is that Arafat and the armed Palestinian forces under his command have so far not even begun to fulfill the minimal security quid pro quo expected from them in exchange for staged Israeli withdrawal from the territories.

Even more outrageous and deadly is the fact that they have made no attempt to halt the smuggling of high quality explosives from Egypt into the Gaza Strip.

THE MOANINGS by Labor ministers and self-proclaimed experts that terrorism can "never be stopped 100 percent" may theoretically be true, but it is the wrong message to send to Arafat and the Palestinians.

Nearly nothing in life that is worthwhile can be effected absolutely. But there is a vast difference between 10-percent and 70-percent or 80-percent success in fighting terrorism. That difference is not theoretical; it is expressed in the number of victims.

Ensuring that the rate of success in fighting terrorism is closer to the higher, but realistic boundary depends either on Arafat and the PA shaping up in delivering their end of the Oslo trade-off, or on Israeli forces remaining in strength in the Palestinian cities and villages.

It is true that Israel agreed to redeploy these forces in the second stage. That was one of the mistakes of Oslo, and it was immediately caught by then-chief of staff Ehud Barak, and lamented by Rabin. Such mistakes must be corrected if they involve life-and-death issues, as this one does.

The rationale behind the agreement to redeploy the IDF from Palestinian population concentrations was to shore up the legitimacy of the elections to the Palestinian autonomy council in the eyes of the world, and of the Palestinians themselves.

By now, however, it has become totally clear that those elections are going to be rigged in Arafat's favor, with voting in the presence of Arafat's armed goons.

The questionable honesty of those elections will in no way be further impugned by the continued presence of the IDF and the GSS, if such a presence is dictated by the proven needs of Israeli security.

The writer comments on public affairs.

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In Palestinian security we trust

Anti-terrorism strategy depends on good relations with Arafat's security forces, Bill Hutman reports



The Ramot Eshkol bus bombing has shaken bus-riders to their roots, prompting officials to think of better ways to combat terrorism. (Ephraim Kilshtok)

FRIEDA Greenberg was already scared of riding buses when a suicide bomber exploded a bomb on a bus just under the window of her home in Jerusalem's Ramot Eshkol neighborhood this Monday.

"I don't know what I'm going to do now," she said Monday morning, holding the hand of her teenage daughter, sobbing as members of the Hessed V'emet organization picked up body parts from the street in front of them.

Previously, the mother and daughter had been concerned about riding buses because of a series of suicide attacks that appeared to be concentrated in the center of the country. Now, the attack was at their doorstep.

"I'm scared," the mother said. "But I suppose I don't have much choice but to keep riding the bus. How else am I supposed to get to work?"

Her daughter, 14-year-old Orly, was too shaken to speak.

The Greenbergs live in an apartment at the Sderot Eshkol/Mitla Pass intersection where a Hamas suicide bomber killed himself and four others, and wounded over 100.

In the aftermath of the bombing, many other citizens also expressed the Greenbergs' concern about safety.

But security officials – whether from the army, police, or General Security Service – weren't able to say much to calm these fears.

"There is simply no way to protect every object in the country," Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz told reporters at the scene of the attack who asked what would be done to prevent future attacks.

"If a bomb is not placed in a bus, then it will be placed in a supermarket," Hefetz said. "The only way to deal with the situation is to take measures against the infrastructure of the terrorists."

What exactly did he mean? Security officials have made it clear since the wave of suicide bombings began that the only way to prevent them is at the roots. Guards will only help so much, as will additional patrols and checkpoints. The bombers must be stopped before they set out on their suicide missions, because once headed to their targets they are difficult, if not impossible, to stop.

"Intelligence is everything," said Gideon Ezra, the former deputy head of the GSS, and today an adviser to Police Minister Moshe Shahal.

That's not to say that security officials have given up on operational measures. The number of bus guards is going to be increased. Specially trained police dogs are going to be used to sniff out explosive materials on buses and other public places. The number of policemen continues to rise, thanks to increased government investment in police manpower.

And the once much talked about "separation plan" – which details tighter control of the borders between Judea and Samaria and the rest of Israel – remains ready to be implemented, once the government gives the go-ahead.

But overall, the catchword today in the security community is "intelligence."

And with the Palestinians in control in Gaza, and soon likely to be taking over in the major cities in Judea and Samaria, good intelligence will mean having good relations with the Palestinian security forces, according to Ezra.

In an interview a few days after the Jerusalem blast, Ezra said he believes the PA can do the job, perhaps better even than his former coworkers at the GSS.

"If I'm a Palestinian, who am I going to want to go and talk to – the PA or Israel?" he asks rhetorically. "A person is much more likely to cooperate with his own people."

Ezra's theory is simple: The PA may have had an easier time than Israel in tracking down Issadin al-Kassem members because a big part of the population is on its side.

The GSS did eventually arrest several of the major figures behind the Jerusalem and Ramat Gan suicide bombings. But only after the fact.

Despite all of the GSS's accomplishments, it only takes one terrorist slipping through its web to perpetrate a devastating attack.

In Gaza, where Hamas is strong, the PA has been fairly successful, according to Ezra.

In Judea and Samaria, where support for PA leader Yasser Arafat is greater, he said he believes the success will also be greater.

Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee chairman Ori Orr agreed.

"In the long run, we will have to depend on the intelligence of the PA," Orr told Israel Radio this week.

"I think they can do the job," Orr said. But he was quick to add: "If they don't succeed, we will have to go back into Nablus and Gaza."

His position, however, was not likely to calm concerned citizens, who were looking for immediate solutions.

Egged spokesman Ron Ratner said that after every bus bombing the number of riders drops by about 10 percent.

Only a few weeks later, once the attack is forgotten, does the number of passengers return to normal levels, according to Ratner.

For former police inspector-general Ya'acov Terner, the situation where citizens are left to live in fear is unacceptable and "requires drastic measures."

Terner's solution: a permanent closure. Israel should forbid Palestinians from entering the country.

"It may not sound humanitarian," Terner said. "But a state's first responsibility is the security of its citizens."

The government has tried to apply this solution, but in small doses.

After every attack, closures are applied for several days or weeks. But then they are lifted, and attacks eventually follow.

"This is an insufferable situation," Terner told the *Post*. "We must put our citizens first."



Joan Davenny was 'a remarkable teacher.'

Joan Davenny's last trip to the land she loved

ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

THE irony seems too cruel to be true. But just months before her death in Monday's Jerusalem bus explosion, teacher Joan Davenny was busy convincing the parents of her young students that traveling by bus in Israel was perfectly safe.

Davenny, 46, was buried in Jerusalem on Wednesday.

She was a teacher at the Ezra Academy day school in New Haven, Connecticut, and led the school's annual May trip to Israel for years.

"Every year she led that trip," says her friend Ilana Biton, a Yeroham resident who spent the past year teaching at Ezra. "And for a long time she had been fighting for the trip to be part of the school's regular curriculum – that all eighth graders would go to Israel. And she won. This year the board of the school voted that all of the kids would go to Israel."

It was no easy task. Davenny had to hold gatherings with the parents to convince them the trip to Israel would be safe. If necessary, she would go to their homes and meet with them individually. Again, she was successful. "This was the first year in the history of the school that all the parents in the class agreed to send their children. She was so proud and excited about that."

Several parents, however, had one demand on which they refused to compromise.

After seeing the terrible pictures of the Dizengoff bus explosion and other attacks on buses, they said they would only allow their children to go on the trip if they did not ride on public transportation.

"Joan tried to convince them that it was safe to ride on the buses. But the parents insisted that she promise them their children would not be riding on Egged buses," recalls Biton. In the end, Davenny, and Biton's husband, Michael, who accompanied the group as a security guard, respected the parents' request and arranged for the students to travel only by taxi and private bus.

Michael Biton says he remembers the enthusiasm with which she would show her young charges the sights of Israel.

She was also a remarkable teacher, says Ilana Biton. "She worked with the sixth, seventh, and eight graders and had a special touch with kids that age. She had a very special, close relationship with her students, far closer than teachers usually have with students. She would have parents come to her and tell her that this was the first time their child really related to a teacher."

Joan looked for any opportunity to come here to visit with her parents, Burt and Betty Edelstein, and two of her sisters who live here. This year was to be especially meaningful since her 18-year-old daughter Maya, to whom she was extremely close, was going to join her in Israel for a Young Judea program.

For months, she had been eagerly anticipating the experience – she had received a Melton Fellowship for Jewish Studies to pursue work at the Hebrew University on incorporating Israel studies into social studies curriculum.

"She was looking forward to it – and we were looking forward to having her in Israel. She was so excited. Every time she would get a letter or some information from the Hebrew University, we would sit down together and I would help her read the Hebrew part of the letter," Biton remembers.

It was on one of the buses that Davenny believed to be safe, on the way to the Hebrew studies she had so looked forward to, that she lost her life.

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IRAQ today is a cautionary tale about the one-man rule which is the Arab political heritage. A particularly brutal man, even by regional and historic standards, Saddam Hussein has shaped the whole country to suit himself, his family from Takrit and, finally, the Sunni minority. Now a half-brother Barzan and two sons-in-laws who are brothers as well as generals, have fled into exile. Between them they are privy to military and financial secrets of the highest order. Willpower alone cannot maintain the one-man ruler once his power base collapses.

No mechanism exists in Iraq, or indeed any of the Arab one-man despotisms, for the peaceful transfer of power. Old despots do not fade away, they resort to bloodshed. "Kill or be killed" is the logic of this system, as well as its fatal flaw as it perpetuates cycles of civil war. Violent dispossession or death fulfills the role of a general election in constitutional societies.

Dispossession or death comes about either by means of foreign invasion or an internal coup. I have asked several of the American and British decision-makers in office in 1991 why they did not complete Operation Desert Storm by liberating Iraq. The reply is always the same: The United Nations had not provided the mandate to end Saddam's rule. Some go on to say that the Arabs would have taken great offense.

To indulge in understatement, the Arab world is not hung up on legalisms. After another 24 hours of maximum pressure, it has now been revealed by another defecting Iraqi general, Saddam would have fled. The West, most Arabs conclude in bewilderment, must have deep conspiratorial purposes in maintaining Saddam. In fact, Western decision-makers once more revealed their poor grasp of Middle Eastern politics and psychology. In practical terms, they were signaling that the West did not really care what happened to Iraq or Iraqis.

What the West would not do for the Kurds and the Shi'ites, who form the majority in Iraq, they would try to do for themselves in the aftermath of Desert Storm. In the hope of getting Saddam and the Sunnis off their backs, they rose en masse. Saddam's character was fully revealed in the subsequent repression, which had the code-name Anfal. Samir al-Khalil, the courageous Iraqi writer, has shown that murderous caprice and the number of its victims assured Anfal of a place in the annals of modern mass killing.

Terror on such a scale breeds fear in at least some of those ordered to commit it. The Sunni minority now finds itself in a hateful predicament. Either the Sunnis somehow contrive to dissociate themselves from Saddam and the remaining Takritis, no matter how great the risk to their lives, or they continue in silent complicity. In that case, they must expect the worst to happen to them when the day of reckoning finally arrives.

Such is the context in which the defection of half-brothers and sons-in-law should be seen. They have chosen an escape route, to be sure, but perhaps they have also put down a marker that the moment is right to make a play for absolute power.

Other Sunni families have already broken with Saddam, for instance the al-Douri, several of whom were military intelligence generals. Then came the al-Dulaimi, who attempted some sort of coup and paid the price for it. Survivors join up in various Western capitals with Kurd and Shi'ite groups to form an opposition which agrees on one thing only – the urgent need to be rid of Saddam.

Earlier this summer, Sa'id Aburish, who is originally Palestinian and a commentator on the inside track, forecast that the demise of Saddam was now at hand and that Iraq was heading toward violent confrontation. Someone in Saddam's position takes time-honored precautions. In an atmosphere in which he cannot trust his several intelligence services, he has to know who is meeting whom, and why, and what movements there are in troops and money. Hit squads have to be sent abroad to deal with the more obstreperous members of the opposition.

According to official American sources, Saddam has lately spent a billion dollars on building palaces, some of them for still loyal Takritis. In theory, they ought to be more reliable than others, but Saddam knows that they are every bit as cynical and ruthless as he is himself. He has to judge the passing expressions and gestures of his entire entourage, reading every look in the eye. Loyalty is a resource as precious as Iraqi oil, and equally marketable. The murder of this man or that may be a timely insurance policy. Someone somewhere is bound to be plotting. As Saddam slips in secret from palace to palace, the paranoia is based on realism.

Half-brother and sons-in-law are one thing, but his own son is another. On the face of it, Udai, the eldest, aged 32, and his younger brother, Qusai, are spoiled children. They live in a whirl of women and alcohol and fast cars, in the mode of Nicu Ceausescu, son of the former Romanian dictator, and are more pitiful than they are malign. Yet Saddam certainly introduced them both to torture and crime. Perhaps this serves the purpose of certifying them with the "heroic" biography which would-be one-man rulers need if they are to impose themselves, and perhaps it is exaggerated by the opposition.

In this deadly rivalry, Udai and Qusai have two decisions to make: First, whether it advances them best to kill their father or to wait for someone else to do so, and then strike out for absolute power; and second, which of them will down the other. In other Gulf states, from Oman to Qatar a short while ago, the practice is for a son to dispossess his father. It may be that Udai or Qusai or both will meet with a road accident as Basil Assad did in December, or perhaps enjoy an extended stay somewhere like Geneva.

The sole certainty is that Saddam "will behave in character," in the words of Aburish. He will do whatever is required to make sure that any eventual corpses on the marble floor of the palace do not include his own.

War against terrorism requires intelligence

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's experiment of seeking PLO cooperation in security matters could doom the country if it fails, Dore Gold writes

UNLIKE classic conventional wars that are won with immense firepower and the maneuvering of large military units, the war against terrorism is ultimately an intelligence war. It involves pinpointing the very few individuals who might belong to a cell, and moving quickly to preempt their operations.

The spate of suicide bus bombings, of which the one in Ramot Eshkol was the most recent, has given rise to the feeling that the war against terrorism is failing, and that this failure is somehow connected to the negotiations with the PLO.

The defenders of the Rabin government might agree that the lethality of each terrorist attack has indeed increased since 1993, when the Oslo accords were signed; the stabbings of the 1992 period were replaced by suicide bus bombings.

But they would say that this development has nothing to do with the peace process as long as Arafat is not personally sending Fatah units to attack Israel.

Rabin's critics point to Arafat's continuing rhetoric, like his June 29 statements encouraging "this difficult jihad ... via deaths."

They also note that the regulation military explosives, used repeatedly in these bus bombings, have become readily available in the Gaza Strip since Oslo, being smuggled in from Egypt.

Finally, as the GSS seizure of the Hamas cell in Nablus indicated, the headquarters of Yihye Ayyash, "the engineer" and the chief planner of the bomb attacks, is located in Arafat's Gaza.

Regardless of their political point of view, most analysts agree that, with the gradual implementation of Oslo, Israel's internal security will face a difficult time during the interim period ahead. For, if the war on terror is indeed an intelligence war, Israel's access to that sort of intelligence is likely to continually decline as Palestinians, expecting the imminent control of the PLO, no longer see that it is in their interest to work with the Israeli authorities.

Just this week, Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak warned the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that, with the implementation of the next stage of the Oslo accord, the ability of the IDF to conduct security operations "will become far more difficult than it has been until now, primarily in the field of intelligence."

Shahak gave a pessimistic prognosis for the West Bank. His observations were probably made on the basis of Israel's experiences since May 1994 in the Gaza-Jericho area. Even if intelligence is somehow obtained, the Oslo process effectively precludes Israel from engaging in preemptive operations against known terrorists within areas that come under Palestinian jurisdiction.

In short, the implementation of Oslo creates, by necessity, a new security vacuum. Understanding the weaknesses of this transitional period, Oslo's advocates are hoping that the vacuum will ultimately be filled by the Palestinian police in the long term. Here is the crux of the national security debate over the Oslo accord.

Implementation of the Oslo accords creates, by necessity, a new security vacuum

In the past, after Israeli retaliatory raids in the 1950s, other Arab states became the subject of Israeli deterrence and ultimately were forced to take measures that restricted infiltrations from their territory into Israel. By putting the PLO into the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, Rabin is hoping that over time he can convert Arafat into a mini King Hussein. Just as the Jordanian Army has stopped cross-border attacks, the architects of Oslo have been banking on the Palestinian police to function in the same manner.

But there are serious questions over whether this conversion can actually be made. When Israel was in a state of war with its neighbors, it had the ultimate sanction of retaliatory military strikes against any terrorist infrastructure in neighboring countries.

Once Israel signs a peace treaty with Arafat, it cannot just send in the IDF and violate an international border. Israel can threaten Arafat with economic sanctions, like closure, but over time the effectiveness of this approach will decline as both the Palestinian and Israeli economies become structured and less dependent on the flow of Arab labor to Israel.

Moreover, there is the question of Arafat's own intentions. Even after an interim agreement over the West Bank is reached, fundamental differences between Israel and the Palestinians will remain for final status: settlements; borders; army deployments; the return of refugees; and, above all, Jerusalem. How can Arafat expect Israel to make concessions in these areas without continuing pressure?

Already today, terrorism that seemingly originates from the West Bank (in reality, guidance and materials come from Gaza) serves the interests of his spokesmen who can claim that once these areas are turned over to the Palestinian Authority, terrorism will cease. This same argument can be used for Jerusalem in 1996.

Not even the most enthusiastic supporter of Israeli security cooperation with the PLO can be certain that it is going to work. Intelligence cooperation is a sensitive matter between the closest of allies. How can one be positive that it will be effective with an adversary with whom Israel has serious, outstanding differences?

The problem Israel faces is that while it experiments with security cooperation with the PLO, it is creating irreversible facts on the ground in the political sphere. Shahak himself, in his appearance before the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, said he was hardly certain that the experiment would actually work. Last May, Shahak told *Yediot Aharonot* that "the security situation in Gaza is far from being something to which one can give a passing grade."

But what does Israel do if the next phase of the experiment fails as well, and terrorism continues to rise? In this sense Rabin is putting himself in an impossible situation, for he is leaving himself with only two basic alternatives: retaking West Bank cities through a war (which would cause the collapse of the whole peace process), or doing nothing.

A wiser policy would leave Israel with less stark choices, by keeping open the political status of the territories, as envisioned in Camp David, until the security situation is finally resolved.

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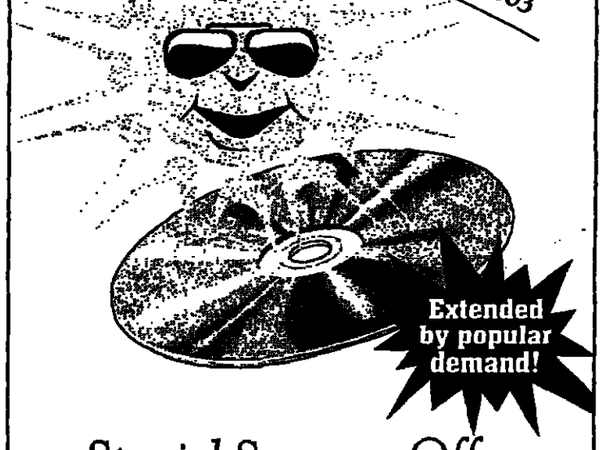

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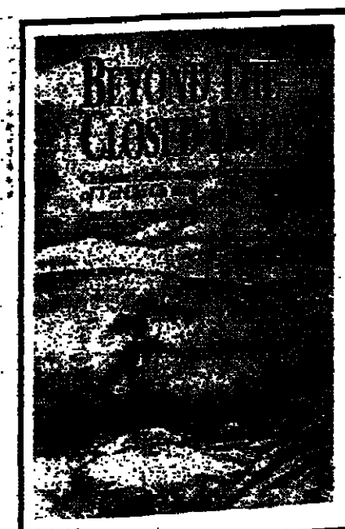
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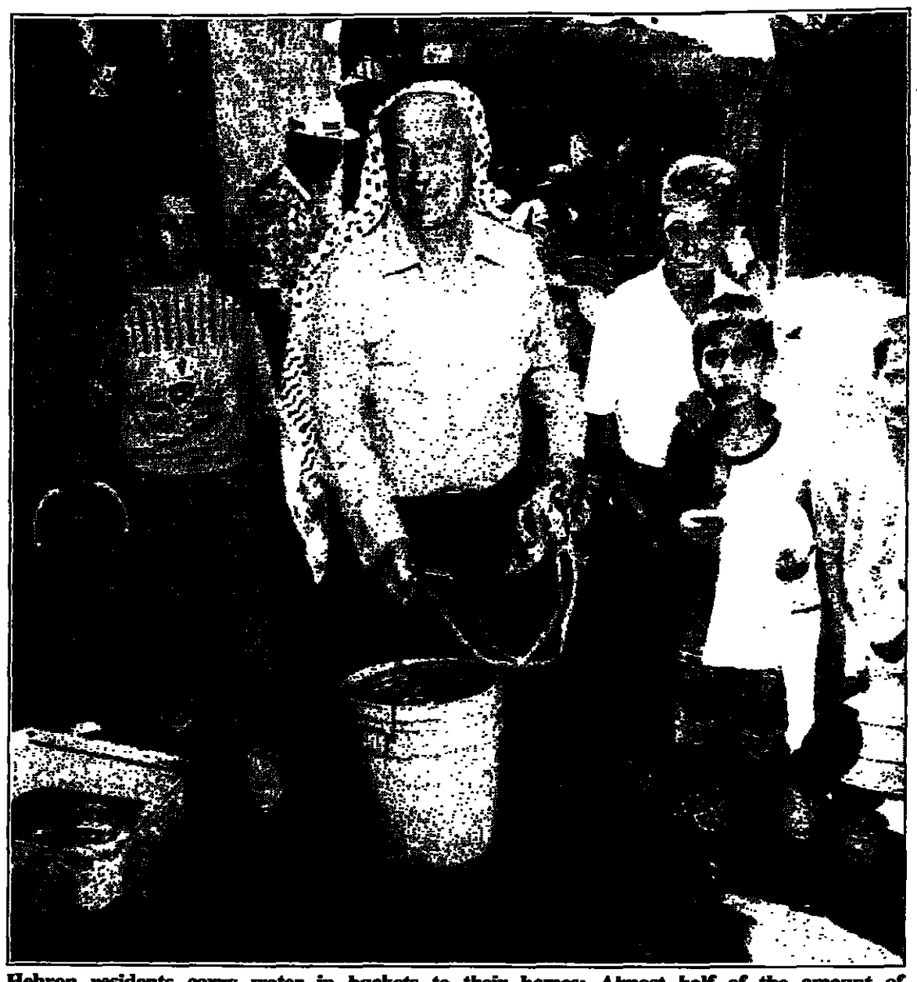
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Hebron mayor to blame for water crisis

Former water commissioner Dr. Dan Zaslavsky says neglect at the municipality level is the reason for shortages in the territories, David Rudge reports



Hebron residents carry water in buckets to their homes: Almost half of the amount of water supplied to the town has not reached consumers, according to Zaslavsky. (Brian Hendler)

FORMER water commissioner Prof. Dan Zaslavsky has no doubt in his mind about where responsibility lies for the water shortages reported in Hebron, Bethlehem and other areas of the territories.

It is not, says Zaslavsky, a result of inadequate supplies in the first place, but rather what he describes as criminal wastage culminating from years of neglect at the municipal level.

Zaslavsky is also angered by the attempts of some of the media to portray a serious fundamental problem in nationalistic light with the so-called Jewish "overlords" having plenty of water and the "poor" Arabs little or none.

"To make an antisemitic story out of the situation is very ugly and very wrong, because it is simply not borne out by the facts," says Zaslavsky in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*.

"The basic problem is that we, all of us, Jews and Arabs, inside and beyond the Green Line, do not pay the full price for the production and supply of water," he says.

"Furthermore, the money that is collected by municipalities, local and regional authorities from domestic, commercial and industrial consumers, is not used to deal with the local water network.

"Instead this money goes for other purposes, with the indirect blessing of the Treasury and the Interior Ministry.

"These would otherwise have to increase budgets to local authorities if the money raised from water rates was used, as it should be, for the maintenance, upgrading and modernization of local water and sewage systems.

"In the territories it is the same thing. The water system in Hebron, for example has been neglected by the municipality for years. It is corroded and leaky and in many places the network is inadequate to meet the needs of consumers.

"The population of the city has increased but the water pipes are still the same narrow ones that were barely capable of meeting previous demand.

"The system simply hasn't been maintained and upgraded, as it should have been, and this is the sole responsibility of the municipality, as it is of other local authorities."

Zaslavsky, professor in the Technion's Faculty of Agricultural Engineering, notes that during his tenure as water commissioner, from 1991-92, a decision was taken to ensure that water supplies to Arabs in the territories would be on the same level as those to Jewish communities.

He stressed that his policy, of providing a reliable and high quality water supply to the Arab population of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, was fully supported by then prime minister Yitzhak Shamir and his government.

"It should be emphasized that in 1967 the amount of water used by residents of Judea and Samaria, for instance, was an average of 15 cubic meters per person per year. By 1990 the annual per-capita average had risen to 35 cubic meters," says Zaslavsky.

He adds that from 1967 to 1990, running water was introduced to around 250 out of over 400 Arab towns and villages in the West Bank. "The intifada was the only reason that this program was slowed down."

Hebron and other places, he says, had more than adequate supplies of water. In the case of Hebron, however, almost half of the amount supplied to the town did not reach consumers, he charges.

"The fact that water in Hebron is wasted, either because of leaky pipes or due to it literally being stolen; the fact that the municipality does not collect water rates from all users and that the money it does raise is not used for maintaining and upgrading the system – this is what brought about the shortages," says Zaslavsky.

"The person ultimately responsible for criminal neglect of the local water network is the mayor, as are the mayors and council heads of all local authorities inside and beyond the Green Line.

"In the case of Hebron, I would be against supplying more water to the city because this would simply double the cost of supply and increase the amount of wastage. As far as I'm concerned they should kick out the mayor and get one who does a better job."

Zaslavsky stresses that attempts by the media to depict the alleged imbalance in water supplies between Jewish settlements and Arab communities by showing Jews splashing around in swimming pools and comparing this to dried-up crops of an Arab farmer was totally misleading.

"All the swimming pools throughout the country use about two million cubic meters of water a year, which is a small price to pay for the benefits and enjoyment they provide. This is roughly the amount of water required to irrigate 4,000 dunams of field crops for a year or 2,000 dunams of orchards for the same period."

Prices should be the same for Jews and Arabs inside and beyond the Green Line, he says, and there should be joint management of water resources.

Looking for a just peace in the name of the law

Justice Minister David Liba'i tells Steve Rodan that he's bound by the law in his dealings with the PA and the settlers

OUTSIDE his office, the radio brought live reports from the scene of the Jerusalem bus bombing. Inside, with a view of the Tel Aviv skyline, Justice Minister David Liba'i kept pace with his schedule of back-to-back meetings.

Between meetings, Liba'i left his desk to listen to the latest casualty figures. Within minutes, he returned to work.

"This is a great tragedy," he said in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* last Monday. "But this attack can't stop us from continuing what we think is the right way."

"Israel alone can't stop terror," he added, echoing an assessment shared by more and more officials committed to the 1993 interim accord on Palestinian self-rule. "It needs Palestinian cooperation."

Liba'i sees Israeli territorial concessions as vital, not for immediate peace, rather for separation from an irredentist Palestinian minority. As he put it, "If we had 8-10 million Jews in Israel, I would be for the complete Land of Israel. But if the [Palestinian] minority approaches that of the majority, then we can't cope."

The justice minister expects the road to a settlement with the Palestinians to be bumpy. The withdrawal from Gaza was the easy part; IDF redeployment in Judea and Samaria is a tougher challenge.

Enter the Palestinians: "If Israelis see that the PLO can deal with Hamas and other terror elements and can cooperate with us against terror then they will see the fruits of the agreement.

"Not that we believe Yasser Arafat personally or that the PLO has turned Zionist," added Liba'i, "but this is our experiment."

Liba'i has met with his Palestinian counterpart several times and expresses mixed feelings. On one hand, he said, during his sessions with Freih Abu Medein, the Palestinian Authority justice minister repeatedly pledged to honor the 1994 Cairo accord.

But when it came to brass tacks, Abu Medein hesitated. Liba'i pressed the PA legal head to honor the agreement to send to Israel Palestinians in Gaza and Jericho suspected of committing crimes in Israel. So far, the PA has transferred several Palestinians suspected of crimes to Israel but has refused to hand over those accused of terrorist attacks.

During the first meeting, Liba'i recalled, Abu Medein said the PA would not transfer Palestinians who are accused of attacks before the 1993 agreement on Palestinian self-rule in Gaza and Jericho. Abu Medein argued this could allow Israel to request those who were responsible for attacks even a decade ago and have now moved to Gaza.

Israeli officials then drew up a list of Palestinians wanted for attacks committed after the September 1993 signing. But during his last meeting with Liba'i, Abu Medein again refused to hand over suspects. He said a request for transfer was not enough. Israel would have to provide convincing evidence that the suspect had committed a crime.

Liba'i expects that State Attorney Dorit Beinish will return the applications with evidence to the Palestinians within a few days.

LIBA'I EXPECTS that the Jerusalem bus bombing will increase pressure on the government to relax the rules of interrogation by the General Security Services on Islamic terrorist suspects. Such a move, granted this week in the interrogation of several Palestinians, was said to have resulted in the discovery of the Hamas ring that planned the bombings of the Jerusalem bus this week and the Ramat Gan bus last month.

A key suspect confessed to helping plan the bombing, but that was only after the Jerusalem explosion. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said that had the laws limiting the use of force against detainees been relaxed earlier, it might have prevented the attack in Ramat Eshkol.

Liba'i, who together with Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair has opposed relaxing the current regulations, said he is bound by the law. He pointed out that GSS interrogations are not yet entrenched by legislation – now being drafted – but by the Landau Commission, which set guidelines for the treatment of security suspects.

"I can't give in on the law," he said. "I am not authorized to do that. If they want to change procedures, then let them change the law. You can't ask the justice minister to allow something illegal.

"Whoever says that the GSS interrogates over a cup of coffee, let him release the regulations of the GSS.

"We are tied to the rules of the attorney general. If he says something is outside the law, then we have to honor his position – all of the ministers."

At the same time, Liba'i and his aides have been searching for ways to handle the right-wing demonstrations that follow Palestinian terrorist attacks.

Here, Liba'i said, he has been at odds with the attorney general. He is opposed to trying Jewish settlers in military courts. "Military courts try terrorists," he said. "To say that 100,000 people are terrorists is not acceptable to us as a conventional measure. The people have more trust in the civil system, which is independent, rather than military court, subject to the IDF."



Liba'i: If we had 8-10 million Jews in Israel, I would be for the complete Land of Israel. (Brian Hendler)

The justice minister does not see the speedy trials of those arrested for allegedly blocking roads during protests as a bypass of a fair hearing. He stressed the case of Moshe Feiglin, leader of the Zo Artzenu movement who was charged, prosecuted, convicted and sentenced to 10 months in prison or an NIS 10,000 fine, was exceptional.

"This was a special case," Liba'i said. "He pleaded guilty. But each defendant has the right to a lawyer and a trial."

Liba'i said so far law enforcement officials have been lenient. "Our attitude is that we will honor the demonstrators' rights to free speech," he said. "Our worry is that a culture of law-breaking will develop."

"Our attitude is moderate," he added. "We don't seek confrontation and we don't want to cause a situation where moderate settlers think the only way to act is by being extreme."

Liba'i, however, acknowledged that the Jewish settlers are worried about their future. "I think the tension stems from the lack of information," he said. "It's eating at them. But the negotiations need to be secret. The minute they know the details, they will be calmer."

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Atlantic City bet against crime and won

The cabinet this week gave a green light to the committee planning the introduction of casino gambling. As that prospect draws closer, the debate is heating up over whether society will be the winner or loser. Marilyn Henry visited a US town changed forever by the industry

WITH the glitz come the gangsters. With the cash comes the crime.

So goes much of the conventional wisdom about casino gambling.

And the doomsayers seemed to have been proven right when Atlantic City, New Jersey, became the first American jurisdiction outside Nevada to allow full-casino gambling.

The once-decaying resort town in New Jersey opened its first casino in 1978. Crime soared, or so it seemed.

Assaults rose from 223 reported in 1975 to 390 in 1985. Aggravated theft jumped from 2,070 in 1975 to nearly 11,500 a decade later, according to FBI figures.

The assumption about a connection between casinos and street crime is driven by the experience of Atlantic City, when there was an apparent sharp increase in reported crime, and by stereotypes of the industry, according to the WEFA Group, a market analysis organization in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

However, analysts say, the crime rate has to be viewed from the proper perspective, one that takes into account the dramatic surge in the number of visitors. When this adjustment is made, according to the WEFA Group, "crime rates in Atlantic City are, in fact, not significantly different from other non-casino cities which have introduced successful new tourist attractions," such as Orlando, Florida, home of Walt Disney World and other major theme parks.

Atlantic City, a town that is only 48 blocks long, saw its glittering casinos turn the city to gold after decades of decline along its famous Boardwalk. It is now vying with Orlando as the top tourist destination in the US.

A city of 40,000 people, Atlantic City attracts an estimated 32 million tourists a year, who descend, often by the busloads, for a daylong spin at the slot machines. Last year, Atlantic City casinos raked in some $3 billion.

But at what cost?

OPPONENTS OF casinos always raise the crime issue, said Frank Fahrenkopf, president of the American Gaming Association, an industry group.

"Crime is a function of the number of people. Anything that draws a large amount of people draws crime."

Using FBI statistics, the WEFA Group calculated that Las Vegas, the king of casino cities, and Atlantic City each have a lower "visitor-adjusted" crime rate than Orlando, home of Mickey Mouse and Disney World, the amusement park that is the epitome of safe family fare.

"Atlantic City has an extremely low rate of violent crime for a major tourist destination," the WEFA Group said.

Gaming is reported to be the fastest-growing industry in the US. According to conservative estimates, more than 1m. people owe their jobs, directly or indirectly, to the gaming industry.

In Atlantic City, casinos created 42,000 direct jobs, or more than one job for every resident.

Sixteen states allow full-casino gambling. And every state, with the exceptions of Utah and Hawaii, offer some form of legalized gambling, including lotteries, Fahrenkopf said.

Casinos can evoke an image – dangerous or derelict – from America's frontier days. The West was wild with gunslingers and gamblers, with lawless men and loose women.

Gambling remained illegal in the US for so long, in part because of its association with organized crime, corruption and scandal, said William R. Eadington, an economist at the University of Nevada, who studies the gaming industry.

Those problems can crop up in places with legacies of such behavior or where gambling is banned, and where public officials have wide discretion in awarding contracts or enforcing the law, he said.

BUT THE so-called "godfather" syndrome seems to have disappeared in the last decade. Casinos, by and large, are owned by mainstream, publicly held companies that attract conservative institutional investors and that are under the scrutiny of the federal government, including the FBI, the Internal Revenue Service and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"In Nevada, New Jersey, Australia and the United Kingdom, as legal commercial gaming has become more legitimate and established, and as regulatory bodies have become more professional and sophisticated, the opportunities for corruption and for organized crime infiltration into many gaming operations have diminished," Eadington said.

Many of the problems associated with casinos are those linked with a staggering influx of visitors in a community that is unaccustomed to heavy tourism. Tourists can be vulnerable out-of-towners. Traffic is horrendous. Property becomes scarce and expensive.

And a successful new attraction can cause a seismic shift in a town's entire economic base. Casinos, for example, are hermetically sealed entertainment complexes against which traditional local businesses – such as restaurants and theaters – can't compete.

But it seems for every business loser, somebody wins. Atlantic City casinos spend $1.4b. on goods and services in New Jersey each year and parcel out an annual payroll of $1b., observers said.

Americans legally wagered more than $400b. in the US last year, while state and local governments collected $1.4b. in direct taxes on casinos, the gaming association reported.

"As a group, economic benefits linked to legalization of casinos tend to be tangible and quantifiable, and for the most part are positive," Eadington said. But the social costs linked to gambling "are usually intangible, difficult to measure and – on balance – negative."

THOSE SOCIAL costs include pathological gambling, an issue akin to the relationship of the liquor industry to alcoholism, which raises questions of a society's obligation to protect people from themselves.

Social costs also include gambling-related financial distress that may lead to domestic violence and to alcohol and drug abuse.

But it is hard to demonstrate that there is a direct link between gambling and the social ills associated with it. Gambling may be the symptom, not the cause, of other social problems.

These, in turn, are easily masked by the mobility and wide geographic spread of gamblers.

Tens of millions of visitors spend a day in Atlantic City casinos. Then they go home, to cities and towns usually within a 500-km. radius, to contend with their losses.

The anecdotes abound: Despondent about betting away his paycheck, a man gets behind the wheel of his car and crashes while en route to his home in New York. Statistically, that registers as a traffic accident. A woman, eager to recoup her losses, pilfers money from the cash register at her job in Philadelphia. That shows up as a theft in another state.

In the meantime, there are obvious problems closer to home.

"Ten years ago, you couldn't find Gamblers Anonymous here," one observer in Atlantic City said of a popular self-help program for people addicted to gambling. "Now you can easily find a meeting of Gamblers Anonymous every night of the week."



Casino compulsion: How to make your family destitute

A former gambler recalls his harrowing past and expresses concern over legalization, writes Netty C. Gross

ATARA and David Kaufman are an unremarkable looking, religiously observant couple in their early fifties. She wears a wig and he has a bushy talmudic beard. They have several children in their late teens and early 20s, and they run a family business.

Nearly 20 years ago, however, a deep chasm separated the Kaufmans (their names have been changed) from their current idyll. David, a compulsive gambler, was a fugitive from the law. To feed an gambling habit gone mad, David had raided his business's bank account and stolen tens of thousands of dollars.

Eventually, he surrendered to the authorities in his native country, pleaded guilty and served two years in jail. But in the wake of the fiasco, David and Atara were reduced to penury and their palmy life together was smashed to smithereens.

"We lost everything we had. Everything. Our home. Our car. Our status," they recall today.

David has since been wholly rehabilitated, although he still suffers recurrent nightmares.

"We have to live with the scars," David says. "The debt was paid back and I served out my jail sentence. But the shame I had brought upon my family and the *hilul Hashem* [desecration of the Name] I had caused was the greatest punishment of all."

The Kaufmans have taken the unusual step of reopening old personal wounds in the fervent hope that their testimony will make others aware of the dire consequences of legalizing gambling in Israel.

The arguments in favor of the legalization are, they maintain, entirely spurious.

"Gambling has the potential of wreaking havoc upon the Israeli middle-class family man if it's legalized," says David. "Because he will be the 'market,' not the tourist. There are casinos all over the world today; not a single tourist will wake up and decide he must come to Israel because of some casino in Eilat.

"The thought of legalizing gambling in this country terrifies me," David continues. "Israelis are impulsive, immature and macho when it comes to this sort of thing. To the compulsive gambler, it's not cash-in-hand which becomes his downfall, it's access to greater and greater quantities of cash. The casinos are very beckoning, seductive places, and gambling affords a social escape from ordinary pressure. Israelis have both access to easy lines of credit and a great deal of daily pressure. They will lose not only their homes, but their brothers' homes.

"At least," David adds, "when they go to the casinos in Turkey, they have to get on a plane and book a hotel room. There are certain obstacles. I want to stress the speed at which events overtake you when you are a real gambler. It's extraordinary."

In drawing a self-portrait, David negates the popular image of the archetypical compulsive gambler. He describes himself as a "bright though naive middle-class guy, the sort who placed an occasional bet on a horse while in college."

As he ascended the professional ladder, an innate desire to "get rich quick" fused with what he increasingly saw as society's tacit approval of gambling. It became a perilous cocktail.

"I entertained clients at the track and saw gambling as [a] very socially accepted thing. But I don't want to blame society. For some individuals their downfall is drugs, sex or alcohol. Mine was gambling."

By the time David was firmly in the gambling loop, he was betting aggressively wherever he could, always hoping for a quick cash fix via office card games, casinos, the racetrack or the local bookie.

It took only one year for him to go from "mid-level gambling" to being a gambler junkie.

"By the end of the day," reiterates David with quiet fortitude, "I didn't have the money to buy a ticket to run away with. Tens of thousands of dollars passed through my hands at the casino every day, but I never had $80 to buy a pair of shoes. I always needed money to gamble. I always thought I was going to win and pay it back. I was booked. I had become an inveterate liar.

"Gambling is an addiction, like alcoholism or drug addiction," he continues.

"After I arrived in Israel, I found a lawyer willing to take on my case. But he insisted I also see a psychiatrist. I was a spaced-out junkie."

David admits he is more sanguine than Atara when talking about the past.

"Eventually, I sat in jail reading books in the company of many other people like myself who were there for similar offenses. Atara had to face the music alone; make a living and fend for herself and the kids. It was much harder for her."

Atara still gets choked up when she talks about the afternoon, 15 years ago, when David walked into their suburban house and bluntly told her that the jig was up; he had gambled away their assets and more – other people's assets. He was going to make a run for the airport.

Zombie-like, Atara placed a desperate call to her parents, asking them to meet her at the airport and loan her the money to purchase airfare to facilitate her and her children's departure.

"I left the day after David did. I had just given birth and I packed a few things and locked the door. I never went back home."

Once in Israel, Atara and David were suddenly thrust into their gambling-induced purgatory. Homeless and destitute, with the law on their tail, they became dependent on the kindness of strangers. Always observant, they say today that the moral strength of religion became their succor.

"We rented the cheapest flat we could find," says David. "We went out to work. Eventually, the intimate group of rabbis, friends and employers who had rallied around us advised me to return and face the indictment against me. All these people acted [towards] both Atara and myself in a most valiant manner."

David and Atara say the crisis of 15 years ago yielded a second chance to live a far more streamlined, spiritual life. Together. David, who has thought of quietly approaching Knesset members with his cautionary message, says: "Gambling nearly destroyed me and my family. It's very regrettable that my personal redemption was so hard won. If my story can convince someone that legalizing gambling is a grievous mistake, I'm relieved."

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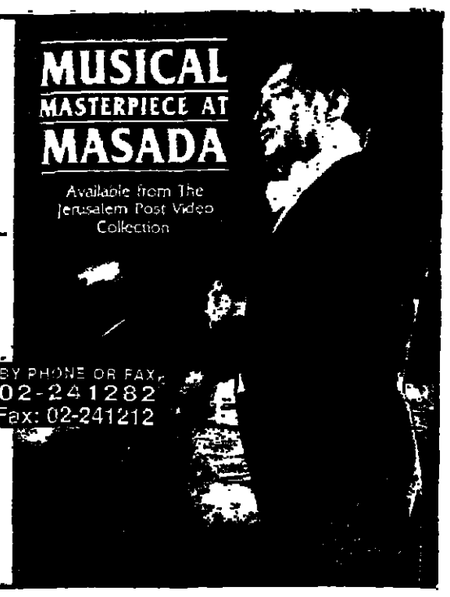
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The lesson of the Mormons

CAPITAL TALK

TEDDY KOLLEK with Amos Kollek

I was received like a hero while visiting last week in Salt Lake City, the capital of Utah and the center of the Mormons. I had come there to receive an honorary doctorate and to raise money for various Jerusalem Foundation projects.

They remembered how I had supported their struggle to build a campus of the Brigham Young University on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is very important to them. They send over 100 youngsters three times a year, and hope to expand the program.

I explained that although it had been a hard fight – hassidim demonstrated outside my office from morning to evening for months and sometimes in the evenings at my home – I didn't do it for the Mormons. I did it for the city's sake.

When the idea of the building first came up, the then education minister inquired about the university and was told it had a good reputation. The foreign minister asked his consul-general in Los Angeles who was responsible for that area, and was told that the Mormons were our best friends. So, the two ministers and some others supported the project.

We encouraged the Mormons to purchase a piece of land at full market price and to construct a building. Incidentally, it turned out to be one of the most beautiful pieces of architecture in the city built over the last few decades. After the license was given, some of the ultra-religious cried that the Mormons were missionaries who would proselytize in Israel. They called for the immediate revocation of the building license. The support of the ministers evaporated and I was left alone to fight their battle. I had spoken to the Mormons long before and explained that we had lost six million Jews in our lifetime and couldn't allow proselytizing. They were totally understanding.

The Mormons have now been in Jerusalem for eight years, and not a single case of proselytization has occurred. Everyone who comes over, be he a teacher, a student or a regular visitor, is told that if he distributes books or pamphlets or engages in any other form of proselytization, he will be sent home immediately.

They have upheld their undertaking. The contact the Mormons have with the general public is through the beautiful hall in the building, overlooking the city, where they give concerts.

MY REASON for supporting the Mormons at the time was twofold. The withdrawal of a building license requires special Knesset approval. Imagine the scandal if the building license for a recognized religion had been withdrawn. It would have caused an international scandal and may even, somewhere in the world, have affected the issuance of permits for synagogues.

The other reason was a matter of principle. I explained to the 25,000 people that filled the auditorium in Salt Lake City that I had not acted for their sake, but for the sake of freedom of religion, worship and access, and for freedom in general. A united Jerusalem under our sovereignty was only strengthened by our fairness toward the Mormons, not weakened as the hassidim had forewarned.

But that freedom is being eroded today.

One reads of attempts to stop support for the Israel Museum because of some exhibition the religious deem immodest or for the film festival because some films offend the ultra-Orthodox. And there is the constant battle over closing streets to traffic on Shabbat.

All this goes, of course, against my deepest convictions. Inhibiting freedom will make it much more difficult for us to reach peace with our neighbors, and have reasonable relations in the city between Jews, Arabs and Christians. It will make it almost impossible to keep Jerusalem together as a united city.

Narrow-minded opposition to every form of freedom and liberalism will cost us dearly. My visit in Salt Lake City brought this home much stronger. Our politicians nowadays rightly worry about various points that come up in the peace process. Jerusalem, however, is a bit further down the road, they think. Not so. It is a major issue and we have to think ahead, which unfortunately, we are not used to doing. No one is worried that young secular people are leaving Jerusalem. I believe that tolerance always pays off for all sides.

The BBC's familiar new Jew

EYE ON THE MEDIA

DAVID BAR-ILLAN

LAST week's BBC-TV documentary in the "Everyman" series ("documentaries with a religious flavor") was devoted to Hebron, the current major obstacle on the road to "Oslo 2." Like most such programs, it revolves around Baruch Goldstein, who – according to the politically correct media – began Hebron's troubled history by killing 29 Moslems at the "Abraham Mosque."

The recapitulation of the Goldstein story, containing footage shown on the BBC and other television screens for five full weeks after the event, takes up more than half of the program. As one wag puts it, the reason for the program is the massacre's "81st week anniversary."

BBC is also faithful to its reputation for evenhandedness. It features not only Arabs who bash the settlers, but Jews who bash the settlers. And its lexicon is carefully selected not to offend. Arabs never kill Jews. They don't even attack Jews. Narrator David Suchet (of Detective Poirot fame), whose dulcet voice could lull a tiger, describes the murders of 34 Jews between the signing of the Oslo agreement and the Machpela Cave massacre with just the right vagueness: "During 1993 there were a series of brutal roadside terrorist acts against Jewish settlers. They responded by setting up ... totally illegal night patrols."

Just in case viewers recall that 34 Israeli men, women and children were slaughtered by Arab machine guns and bombs while riding in cars and buses, the camera immediately pans over Hebron's peaceful buildings and Suchet segues into one of those insufferable non sequiturs which can turn Benedictine nuns into raging atheists: "Abraham surely would have blessed the peace process begun in Oslo," he says reassuringly. And, as the Old Patriarch himself must know, if it's uttered on the BBC, it must be true.

For the massacre's media groupies there is only one flaw in the otherwise perfect story – the villain seems to have acted alone. It would have been ever so much juicier if a tentacular Jewish underground or a right-wing conspiracy – the kind Arafat likes to describe as collaborating with Islamic Jihad in masterminding the Beit Lid massacre – could share the blame.

So the BBC does the next best thing: it *implies* a plot. "During the first six months after Oslo," we are told, "the Arabs were hoping for some time for the end of the occupation... the Jewish settlers were becoming desperate about what the future held for them, and Purim was about to be celebrated...." At this point, the show lets a "balanced" panel tell us what must have animated Goldstein. Yossi Sarid says, "No coexistence is possible under occupation...." Head of Hebron University public relations Nabil Abu Znaid says, "After Oslo, the settlers wanted to show their force, [to say:] 'We are here and we are staying,' and they felt time was not on their side."

And veteran settler-basher Prof. Ehud Sprinzak of the Hebrew University says, "Those people were becoming desperate after Oslo. They were asking themselves, 'What in God's name could stop the peace process?' And I think the idea of a major provocation was something that was discussed occasionally among these people.... The kind of massacre he was involved in could not have happened without the culture in which he grew up." How fortuitous for the BBC to find a Jewish professor willing to indict "these people." It would have been ever so awkward had the BBC's own narrator used this anti-semitic generalization.

Nor does the BBC miss the opportunity to show that "the settlers" are all Goldstein followers. His brother-in-law is seen praising the Lord after the deed, and former Kach leader Baruch Marzel delivers a brief appreciation. (Marzel appears only for a few seconds, but he may yet make the *Guinness Book of Records*, for the identifying subtitle on the screen describes him as a "Jewish terrorist leader." The BBC has interviewed the world's leading terrorists, from Arafat, Hawatmeh, Habash, Jibril and Shkaki to the chief honchos of various other world terror movements. Yet, if memory serves, no one, except perhaps an IRA operative, has ever been billed as a "terrorist leader.")

All this is but an introduction to the program's meaty part – a painstaking, detailed retelling of the day of the massacre. Not even movies about the Kennedy assassination can compete with the meticulous, detailed diagrams, testimonies of eyewitnesses (including, of course, one attractive woman and two children), and lingering close-ups of blood-drenched corpses.

To add a little dramatic touch, there is a sequence of Moslems genuflecting at prayer, and just as they touch their foreheads to the ground, the brutal, staged sound of loud machine-gun fire breaks the silence. The narrator, this time not quite valium-voiced, blurts: "At 5:30, he opened fire."

Two "good Jews" follow this sequence: Prime Minister Rabin condemning the crime, and Rabbi Levi Kelman, who relates how his congregation prayed for the Arab dead and wounded. But the camera quickly shifts back to Abu Znaid who, with just the right mixture of sadness and indignation, tells how Hebron's people, Goldstein's victims, were punished for his act with a five-week curfew and the "confiscation" of their marketplace. Nobody could make a living, he says, and even now they have to go through checkpoints and roadblocks.

Is it all just an arbitrary Israeli cruelty? Suchet's velvet voice-over explains: "Fundamentalist terrorism shadows the daily lives of the people of Hebron. Groups like Hamas share the blame for Hebron's economic ills. After each terrorist atrocity Israel shuts off the West Bank. The Moslems suffer the consequences and the terrorists profit from the frustrations they helped create."

To Israelis this may all seem to be not only clear but fair reporting. Yet it's impossible not to wonder what the vast majority of viewers, less familiar with the many strange terms, think of such a statement. Against whom are these unspecified atrocities committed? No Jews or Israelis are ever mentioned as targets. And if "the Moslems" suffer the consequences, what is the terrorists' religion?

The next two minutes are taken by a young mother at Beit Hadassah, who speaks in Hebrew (subtitled) about her *willingness to live in peace with Hebron's Arabs.* She is quickly followed by a female Arab teacher of English who earnestly explains why she believes the only revenge for the massacre is jihad. ("God tells us that.") Fluent in English, the soft-spoken Arab teacher somehow appears the more reasonable of the two. By now, the image of Israelis as occupiers and Hebronites as victims has been established.

A touch of humor follows: Khalid Amayreh, billed as an Islamic activist and obviously a member of the Islamic movement, declares: "All we want is to be on equal footing, not them as masters and us as slaves.... They don't believe in the principle of human equality. We do." Not bad for the proud representative of the people who first put the yellow star on Jews and relegated non-Moslems to a special status of inferiority (*Dhimmi*). Amayreh's Islamic movement adheres to a covenant more extreme than the PLO's. It calls not only for Israel's destruction, but for the killing of Jews "behind every stone and every tree."

If it is impossible for Jews and Arabs to live together in Hebron, asks the narrator, how are they going to manage in Jerusalem, which also "has a powerful symbolism for Islam"? (There is never a mention of any connection, symbolic or otherwise, between Jerusalem and its Israeli "occupiers.") What, then, is the solution?

To introduce it, the toll of the conflict is driven home. Jewish graves fill the screen. Yehuda Wachsman, the late Nahshon's father, speaks of the need for mutual understanding after the Hamas cassette of his son's capture is shown. Amir Abrahamson, crippled in the bus driven into a ravine near Jerusalem (where 17 were killed), does his usual Peace Now shtick, blaming Israeli governments, not the terrorist, for his being in a wheelchair, and sycophantically praising Arafat for his kindness in inviting him to Tunis.

Having presented the price of conflict, Suchet says, "Not listening to your enemy results in violence. But if you turn the other cheek...." At which point we are treated to footage of Shmuel Meiri taking a wrong turn in Ramallah and becoming the instant target of a lynch mob. "He refused to use his gun, the antithesis of Baruch Goldstein, and provided a startling glimpse of a different Israeli response to Palestinians," says Suchet, carefully omitting that Meiri was rescued in the nick of time by the Border Police, not known for refusing to use their guns, and that an Israeli caught in similar circumstances was stoned, stabbed and shot to death in Jabalya in March 1993.

Poor Meiri. Little did he know that *his irresponsible conduct was the first small step to the emergence of the new* Israeli. Sprinzak gets back on screen to explain: "The Israeli ethos is still of fighting people, perhaps even Masada. But the silent majority are very much in favor of [Meiri]. This is the support system for the peace process. The Israeli people are moving from the dead heroes to the live heroes."

So this is what the program is all about. Zionism, which envisioned a Jew who defends himself, is dead. Long live the post-Zionist Jew who turns the other cheek and who bears a striking resemblance to the good old Diaspora Jew who knew his place. The Jew as victim, face streaming with blood like Meiri, beaten, cowed, asking for mercy and refusing to use his gun, is, then, the new ideal. If only all the Jews of Israel would learn from Meiri's example, Palestine would enjoy perfect peace.

And think of how many sympathetic programs about Jews the BBC could produce then. Odds are, they would be even more touching than documentaries about Auschwitz.

It ain't what you say, it's the way you say it

A VIEW FROM NOV

MOSHE KOHN

In that sore battel when so many dy'd
Without Reprieve, adjudg'd to death,
For want of well pronouncing
Shibboleth.
John Milton, *Samson Agonistes*

SEVERAL TIMES in history the "wrong" accent was fatal to its bearers.

In medieval England, when the textile workers rioted against the flood of Flemish immigrants, suspected strangers were required to say, "Bread and cheese." If they said, "Brot and cause," betraying their Flemish provenance, they were put to death.

During World War II, American troops in the China-Burma-India theater of war, and in other areas where they were likely to encounter both Japanese enemies and Chinese allies, distinguished between the two by requiring them to pronounce phrases containing the letters "l" and "r."

If the voice in the dark or in the jungle thicket said, for example, "Rotsa ruck," when called upon to say, "Lots of luck," he was clearly Japanese, pronouncing "l" as "r." If he said, "Velly solly," instead of "Very sorry," he was Chinese, saying "l" for "r."

(See Robert Claiborne's *Loose Cannons and Red Herrings*, Ballantine, 1988.)

"Bread and cheese" and "Lots of luck/Very sorry" are two examples of one kind of shibboleth. They are also relatively late examples of how the "correct" pronunciation was a matter of life and death.

A shibboleth is a word or phrase used as a test to detect foreigners or persons from another district: The term comes from the Tanach, and is more correctly transliterated as "*shibbolet.*"

Originally it meant ear of grain (e.g. Genesis 41:5; *Kritot 6a)* and torrential stream or floodwater (Psalms 69:3 and 16). It acquired its modern meaning from its use in a bloody incident recorded in Judges 12:1-6, perhaps the first time in recorded history the "wrong" accent meant death.

That incident was the "sore battel" to which Milton refers in the passage cited above. It took place during a war between the Gileadites, led by Jephthah, and the Ephraimites.

The Gileadites controlled a ford in the Jordan River. Knowing that the Ephraimites, like our contemporary Litvaks and Jews of Moroccan origin, pronounced the "sh" sound as "s," they required strangers wishing to ford the river to say "*shibbolet.*" For saying "*sibbolet,*" 43,000 Ephraimites were put to death by Jephthah's men.

In the talmudic period, one was not permitted to lead the prayer service and a *kohen* could not recite the priestly blessing in a synagogue where his accent differed from the one the worshipers were accustomed to (*Megilla 24b; Yerushalmi Berachot 2:4*).

The Talmud singles out for mention the people of Haifa, Tivon and Beit She'an as not differentiating between the almost-silent *alef* and the glottal *'ayin*, and between the *heh* and the slightly guttural *het.* (Neither do the vast majority of today's Hebrew speakers, with the notable exception of the Yemenites and senior members of one or two other groups of Oriental origin.)

In Galilee, they also tended to drop the initial *alef*, so "*abba*" (father) came out as "*ba.*" And they pronounced the letter *vet* as if it were a *bet* – e.g., they called the fifth month of the Jewish calendar "Ab" instead of "Av." This is reflected in the Septuagint transliteration of biblical names.

(You may still hear the latter from some old-time Galileans, perhaps under the influence of Arabic, which has no *vet*, and whose equivalent of the Hebrew *vav* is pronounced *wau.*)

Since antiquity, of course, Hebrew has sprouted almost as many accents as humanity possesses dialects.

And some people accustomed to the Ashkenazi pronunciation, for example, will not participate in a service where the Torah is read in the Sephardi pronunciation, on the grounds that they will not understand many words and will therefore not have properly observed the mitzva of hearing the reading of the Torah.

ISRAEL IS the one place in the world where, thanks to the continuous Ingathering of the Exiles, the entire symphony of Jewish dialects and accents is heard.

Only, instead of celebrating this still-developing symphony, some of us have turned accent into a shibboleth by which we judge the validity of people's opinions, by which we judge their very worth.

And lately the "Anglo-Saxon" accent, especially the American variety, has been a special object of contumely.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who still bears heavy traces of the Belorussian accent he brought with him when he came to Eretz Yisrael in 1934 at age 11, told a critic, Ruth Matar, founder of the Women for Israel's Tomorrow ("Women in Green") movement, to "Go back where you came from" when he detected the Vienna-New York music in her Hebrew.

Yael Dayan, Labor MK, said something similar to a South African-accented critic.

Alex Goldfarb, Romanian-accented Yiud MK and deputy minister of construction and housing, considered a critic's American accent germane to his criticism of Goldfarb's political about-face – from the extreme-right opposition Tsomet Party to fidelity to the Labor/Meretz program of unilateral concessionism.

LET US praise the accents comprising the symphony of Israel Reborn.

Scores of people of nearly as many accents, political and religious orientations, and occupations come to mind. For each name I mention, I will surely omit another score of names of people who have enriched that symphony, who each in his or her own way has contributed to the resurrection of sovereign Jewish society, culture and polity in our homeland.

Let us praise all those accents of Milwaukee, Bronx, Silver Spring and Toronto; of Johannesburg and Pretoria; of Frankfurt, Vienna, Salonika and Izmir; of Casablanca, Cairo, Gondar, Sana'a, Damascus and Meshhed; of Moscow, Lodz, Vilna and Tbilisi; of Oxford, the East End and Manchester; of Dublin and Glasgow; of Munkacs and Bessarabia – these and all the other accents whose bearers have come home to renew the Jewish people's sovereign history in Eretz Yisrael.

And, yes, the accents of Christian, Moslem and Druse brothers and sisters who would add their tones to this symphony.



The choice between existence and life

SHABBAT SHALOM

SHLOMO RISKIN

"See, I set before you this day a blessing and curse, the blessing if you obey the commandments.... The curse if you disobey...." (Deuteronomy 11: 26-28)

WHAT is a blessing if not prosperity and good health, and a curse if not misfortune and illness?

In the opening words of this week's portion of Re'eh, when Moses presents the nation with a choice between blessings and curses, our simplest understanding is that if the Jews keep the Torah, they will be rewarded, and if they don't they will be punished. What Moses is saying boils down to a promise that good things will happen to good people and bad things will happen to bad people.

But how could Moses make such a promise? *Why Bad Things Happen to Good People* is not just the title of a well-known book. This and its converse are a harsh reality.

A number of parallels in a passage in Netzavim may give us a better understanding of what Moses is really saying. Just as our portion opens with the word "*re'eh*," so too does the passage in Netzavim. "See (*re'eh*), today I have set before you life and good, and death and evil...."

In our portion, the choice is between a blessing and a curse, and in Netzavim it's between life and death, good and evil. In our portion, we read about "the land which you are about to possess (*ha'aretz asher ata ba shama l'rishta*)" (Deut. 11:29), and virtually the same words appear in *Netzavim*, "...*b'aretz asher ata ba shama l'rishta.*" (Deut. 30:16)

Furthermore, when we read on in *Netzavim* we find that the "blessing and curse" of *Re'eh* is actually intertwined with the choice between "life and death." "I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore choose life." (Deut. 30:19)

What does "choose life" mean? Is life ours to choose? The Torah should have written "choose good," something one can understand because good seems within our control.

But a person *can* choose life! As Sigmund Freud correctly taught, built into the human psyche is not only the will to live, but also the will to die.

The first thing one must do is avoid the lure of death. Despite the awareness of danger in certain lifestyles – such as indiscriminate sex or drug abuse – many pursue thrills until it's too late.

Good and evil are abstractions. A professor of philosophy may require only one hour to confuse his students totally about their moral foundations, but life and death are not abstractions. A person dying of AIDS is real, and if the Torah says choose life, it means avoid a lifestyle that could bring you to this end.

A second way of choosing life is by not wasting time. If we count the hours spent in front of the TV, at best watching people running after a ball and at worst inviting violence and pornography into our homes, we don't need an accountant to inform us that the hours soon become days, weeks, even months. The simple act of shutting off the TV is an example of choosing life. In Hebrew, the modern term for going out and having a good time is *levalot bilui*, which actually means to wear something out, to turn a usable garment into a rag. And in Hebrew slang, the expression *lisrof zman*, to burn time (equivalent to the English "to kill time") points to the destruction inherent in improper time management.

You can commit suicide in one moment. Or you can commit suicide in a lifetime of wasted moments. The number of years we are given is not under our control, but what we do with the moments God has given us is. If we choose not to waste these precious gifts, we "choose life."

And there is yet a third way to choose life, life in its fullest meaning, and not just the avoidance of death. An early version of the Targum, the Aramaic translation of the Bible, sheds light on a verse in last week's portion: "Not on bread alone does the human being live, but on that which proceeds from God's mouth does the human being live." The Targum translates: "Not on bread alone does the human being exist (*mitkayam*), but on what proceeds from God's mouth does the human being live (*hayei*)."

Bread gives us *kiyum*, existence: the ability to stand on our feet, to work, to survive. But that which emanates from God's mouth provides life's meaning. Bread is existence; Shabbat and compassion are life. Certainly food, clothing and shelter are necessities; even the animal world has need of these three basics. But humans require a goal beyond mere existence.

As psychologist/philosopher Victor Frankel discovered while in a concentration camp, the most important drive is not the will to pleasure, nor even the will to power, but the will to meaning. Those whose lives rested on a higher meaning, who were involved in working out a mathematical thesis, or who dedicated themselves to preserving and copying segments from the Torah, generally managed to survive Auschwitz.

This search for purpose beyond physical survival, this quest for self-transcendence is the hallmark of that which comes from God's mouth, what the Targum refers to as "life."

After all, the search for pleasure is linked to the body, and since the body is finite, the fruits of the search are also finite. It may look as if we're choosing life as we put away the second and third million, getting ready to retire and sail around the world, but what does the sailor do when there is no wind? It was Kohelet who said that such blandishments are as evanescent as the breeze.

A human being is mortal and finite; the Torah is immortal and infinite. An individual home is destructible; the Land of Israel is eternal. Materialistic goods are existence; Torah and Israel are life. The keeping of the commandments and the inheritance of the Land of Israel are in themselves a participation in eternity. This is the real meaning of the Biblical command: choose life!

Shabbat Shalom

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With fenugreek, old tales do not lie

NATURE

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

A small, unimpressive plant grows wild in Galilee and the Jerusalem Hills.

It looks for all the world like a clump of clover with leaves that are slightly larger and darker than most clovers.

Most Israelis know it by its Arabic name, *hilbe*, rather than the Hebrew *shablulit tiltani*. In English it's called fenugreek, which is taken from the Latin name, *Trigonella foenum graecum*, roughly translated as three-leaved Greek hay. It seems that it was known in antiquity as such, with the leaves used as cattle fodder.

It would also appear that it was once cultivated here, for it is mentioned in the Mishna as a tithable herb. Josephus also mentions that, at Jotapata (Yodfat) he commanded the populace to boil fenugreek and pour the mucilaginous mixture on the siege ramps to prevent the Romans from climbing them. It must have been a common crop, or else where would they get that much fenugreek?

But it was through Yemenite immigration that the little-used spice came back into prominence here. The Jews of Yemen use it as a spice, a medicine, a cosmetic, a diet aid and more.

It seemed like so much folklore when Yemenites claimed that *hilbe* prevented heart attacks, controlled adult-onset diabetes, prevented digestive disorders, kept people slender and made their hair and complexions beautiful. They also used the sticky extract as a poultice, a wound dressing and, when mixed with honey and other spices, as a cough remedy.

But at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, pharmacologists took the claims seriously and started to investigate.

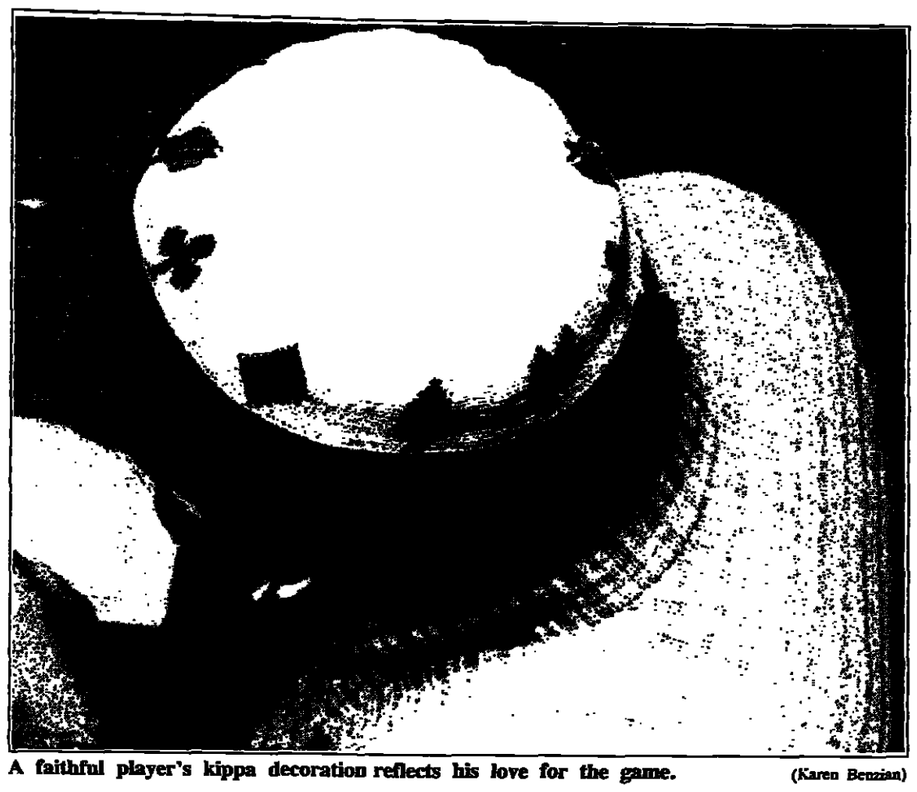
About 15 years ago they found that fenugreek seeds were a source of natural dietary fiber that kept the digestive system in order and that a tablespoonful of fenugreek seeds swallowed with a glass of water half an hour before meals definitely curbed the appetite.

(Yemenite Jews have also claimed that it is effective against amoebas and other intestinal parasites, but this has not yet been established.)

Further research has shown that the seeds contain components that lower blood cholesterol, including triglycerides, lower blood sugar and produce an excellent emollient as a base for cosmetics and shampoos.

The university took out a patent on some of these extracts and recently entered into an agreement with an US-based company that produces plant-derived medications in order to exploit the possibilities of this plant as a medical resource.

It is easiest to see wild fenugreek from February to May in the hills. It grows in thick clumps, and the seeds are usually ripe in May.



A faithful player's kippa decoration reflects his love for the game. (Karen Benzian)

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♡ J
◇ 108653
♣ Q2

West
♠ 9
♡ 10862
◇ Q742
♣ J964

East
♠ J8432
♡ 9743
◇ 9
♣ 1075

South
♠ K10
♡ AKQ5
◇ AKJ
♣ AK83

South	West	North	East
2♣	pass	2♠	pass
5NT	pass	7♠	pass
7NT	(all pass)		

SOMEONE asked me recently how I can be religious and also play bridge. The two have nothing in common. On the contrary, I replied, there are thousands of serious bridge players who have not missed their weekly bridge game for years. And they are just as fanatical about the rules and procedures. I have also noticed many a declarer praying for a finesse when he is really desperate.

Bridge fanatics pretend to be "secular thinkers," but when they are at the table they resemble a minyan. If you've ever watched two partners arguing over the meaning of a deuce versus a three or four, you could easily picture them with beards and kippot, getting all worked up over why a particular word in the Torah is spelt the way it is.

Both Judaism and the game of bridge are also big on ethics. The idea of limitations, what is permissible and what is not, are common to both. Bridge players must speak in the bidding in a prescribed language and must conduct the entire game in a set order. So-called secular players find great comfort in their bridge boundaries. And, when they are interrupted in the middle of a hand, you will hear them go: "Shhh, I'm busy praying ... I mean playing."

Recently, in a discussion on how to train a bridge team, I advised that the players simply pretend it is the month of Elul. Each player should start by writing down his good traits and his flaws and see where he can improve. Every day for a month he should work on cutting down mistakes. By Rosh Hashana (i.e., the big bridge match), he will be at the top of his game.

From another perspective, all bridge players should try to improve their ethics at the table. Some players bid too loud or too quickly with a strong hand, or whisper their bids when they are uncertain. These are not good bridge ethics.

Another type of player likes to rush to the nearest bridge columnist after he achieves a coup at the table, but sometimes his great play is nothing more than a figment of his postmortem imagination.

My friend Alan Hiron, an Englishman who retired to Spain, wrote recently about this brand of bridge ethics. With tongue in cheek, Hiron writes: "Although the ethics of bridge journalists themselves are beyond reproach, the same cannot be said for all their informants. No, I do not refer to ethics at the table, more to the credibility of the stories you are told."

In this week's deal, an informant told Hiron how he was able to claim a grand slam on a double squeeze without having to play out the hand.

"I got a heart lead," said the informant, who had been sitting South, "against seven notrump, and I started by cashing the two top diamonds to expose the position in that suit. Then came three more hearts, discarding one spade and two diamonds from dummy. Now, after three top spades, I could claim... West had to keep the queen of diamonds and East the jack of spades, so neither of them could hold on to four clubs. Nice one for your columns? By the way, I spell my name with an 'e' at the end."

Recently in my Talmud studies, I learned that if witnesses testify in a rabbinical court and new witnesses come and say that the first witnesses were lying, the judges are instructed to believe the second set of witnesses. And so it is true in the world of bridge.

Later Hiron met the fellow who had occupied the West position. "I made a stupid lead on that grand slam hand," he told Hiron. "I thought that the nine of spades would be safest ... yes, how did you guess? It was against —e."

Bronstein's rise and fall

CHESS

NICK KOPALOFF

SOME experts such as Ludek Pachman argue that the most dramatic chess event ever witnessed was the 24 games of the Botvinnik-Bronstein world championship finals in 1951.

Prior to the commencement of the games, nobody doubted the immense talent of the challenger, Bronstein. But almost everyone agreed that he lacked the experience needed to dethrone the great Botvinnik.

Bronstein started well. But after 20 games, Botvinnik was leading by half of a point and, as a tied match was enough for him to retain his title, he only needed one and a half points from the last four games.

Playing with the black pieces in the 21st game, Bronstein surprised the champion with his favourite Old Indian Defense, and won. A startled Botvinnik then lost his composure and collapsed in the next game. Bronstein was now in the driving seat, hoping for a draw in the penultimate game.

Botvinnik, Mikhail – Bronstein, David
Moscow 1951
Grunfeld Indian Defense

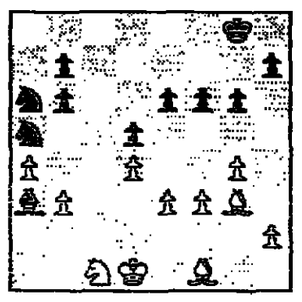
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 d5 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nh3 Bxh3 8.Bxh3 Nc6 9.Bg2 e6 10.e3 0-0 11.Bd2 Rc8 12.0-0 Nd7 13.Ne2 Qb6 14.Bc3 Rfd8 15.Nf4 Nf6 16.Qb3 Ne4 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.Be1 Na5 19.Nd3 Bf8 20.f3 Nd6 21.Bf2?; 21.Rf2 was better as the next move allows counterplay with 21...Rc7.

21...Bh6? 22.Rac1 Nac4 23. Rfe1 Na4?; Perhaps Nf5 would have been preferable as it might have forced White to play 24.f4 to protect the weak e pawn. Black would have thus prevented White from freeing his game with an eventual e4.

24.Kf1 Bg7 25.g4 Nc6 26.b3 Nb5! 27.Ke2?; White's last two move have created irreparable weaknesses which should have really conceded all winning chances.

27...Bf8 28.a4 Nc7 29.Bg3 Na6 30.Bf1 f6 31.Red1 Na5 32.Rxc8 Rxc8 33.Rc1 Rxc1 34.Nxc1 Ba3 35.Kd1

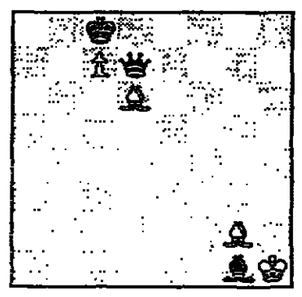
35...Bxc1? Pachman described this move as Bronstein's worst mistake in the entire game. Winning the b pawn is of no real advantage to Black because of his own doubled b pawns. White now gets definite practical chances.



36.Kxc1 Nxb3+ 37.Kc2+ Na5 38.Kc3 Kf7 39.e4 f5? 40.gxf5 gxf5 41.Bd3 Kg6 42.Bd6 Nc6 43.Bb1 Kf6 44.Bg3! fxe4 45.fxe4 h6 46.Bf4 h5 47.exd4 exd4 48.h4 Nab8 49.Bg5+ Kf7 50.Bf5 Na7 51.Bf4 Nbc6 52.Bd3 Nc8 53.Be2 Kg6 54.Bd3+ Kf6 55.Be2 Kg6 56.Bf3 N6e7 57.Bg5; Bronstein thought for over 40 minutes before deciding to resign **1-0.**

The last game in the series ended in a quick draw, and so Botvinnik retained the title. To this day, Bronstein is still haunted by that one lapse of concentration that cost him the world champion's crown.

Most players playing with the white pieces in the following position would resign gracefully. Others might bashfully ask the opponent if he would like a draw and hope that, in a moment of chess blindness and blatant miscalculation, he might stretch out his hand in agreement. It is hard to find a move that would salvage White's position. 1.Bf4 would be met ruthlessly by Qd3, and 1.Bg3 by Bb6. However, White can actually steal a draw.



Solution: 1.Bh2!! Bxh2 2.Bh3! Qxh3 stalemate. If 1...Bb6 then White again plays 2.Bh3 Qxh3 and again stalemate.

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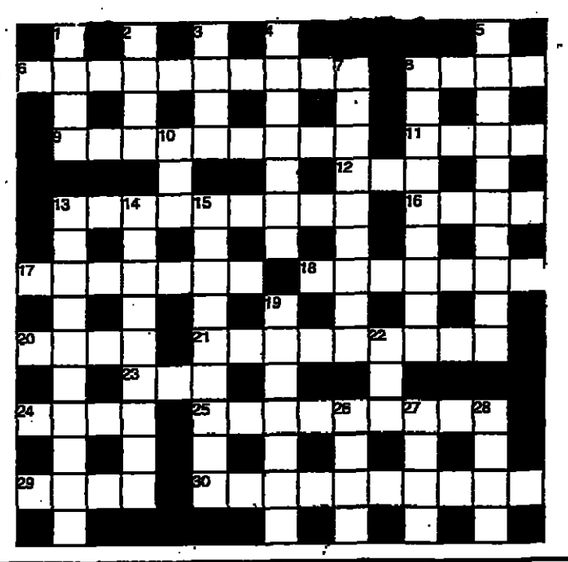
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

6 Lack of determination of the French about where they should make a cut (10)
8 Bear to ring back (4)
9 Plan worked out without one magistrate (9)
11 Watering holes visited by quiet, unreliable bus (4)
12 Graduate, in love with a crusher! (3)
13 Allowed in in pairs, but only in handcuffs (9)
16 I'd be the last to bring this up! (4)
17 Dope is very warm and taking aim at random (7)
18 Mizzen broken by unpopular leader giving a summons (7)
20 East's study garden (4)
21 Feeding porridge to fish can be exhausting (9)
23 Might be eaten or drunk (3)
24 Start composing a poem—or a set of rules (4)
25 Pill works on boards (9)
29 Can make these animals snug (4)
30 Picture monster flower (10)

DOWN

1 We take the responsibility on ourselves (4)
2 Something like miserly! (4)
3 Shape of the hand is restricted by the foot (4)
4 One type of shirt or undergarment (7)
5 Abstaining although actually in favour of carrying the motion (10)
7 Idiot with no feeling in his head (9)
8 Photographers harass para cooking pizza (9)
10 Car crashed because of electrical discharge (3)
13 Chase after red dog (10)
14 Sailor sent back to look for those who were missing (9)
15 Use of sole agent sometimes lengthens the process (9)
19 An insect on an animal can be a nuisance (7)
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27 No friend can gain a stone! (4)
28 Tops up to the mark (4)



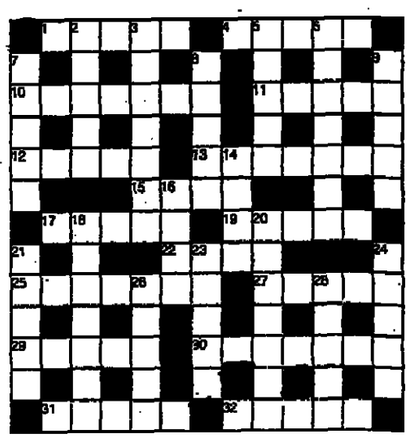
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ACROSS: 1 Collider, 7 Scope, 8 Punctilio, 9 Tor, 10 Loth, 11 Psycho, 13 Jasper, 14 Wretch, 17 Liking, 18 Limb, 20 Neo, 22 Newswoman, 23 Ruing, 24 Bronchus.

DOWN: 1 Copal, 2 Linctus, 3 Iota, 4 Enlist, 5 Motto, 6 Refresh, 7 Sorcery, 12 Jerking, 13 Joinary, 15 Triumph, 16 Answer, 17 Logic, 19 Banns, 21 Swan.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Gangway (5)
4 Jordan's capital (5)
10 Italian wine (7)
11 Body of soldiers (5)
12 Location (5)
13 Threw out (7)
15 Uncivil (4)
17 Restrict (5)
19 Ranted (5)
22 Requests (4)
25 Dextrous practice (7)
27 eg Spaghetti (5)
29 Run away (5)
30 Inspect (7)
31 Brown quartz (5)
32 Small aquatic animal (5)

DOWN

2 One of the Balearics (5)
3 Portable light (7)
5 100 cm (5)
6 eg Peter, Luke or John (7)
7 Range (5)
8 Exhausted (5)
9 Shovel (5)
14 Yank (4)
16 American state (4)
18 Clover leaf? (7)
20 Tar-like substance (7)
21 Property (5)
23 Direct (5)
24 Entranced (5)
26 A colour (5)
28 Slip (5)

FERNAND



Anatolia, far from Antalya's madding crowd

PENNY STARR

THERE'S nothing like a short break for clearing the mind. If you need something between three weeks in Thailand and a couple of days on a beach in Eilat, Turkey is it.

It's close, it's accessible, it's cheap and it's abroad. And if you know the right places, you can avoid the tourists who have given Israel such a bad name.

While the hordes go to Antalya for the casinos, you can go to Mersin for some beautiful scenery, gracious hospitality and good food.

Turkey's fourth largest city has a busy free-trade port, but the local stretch of Mediterranean Sea isn't ideal for swimming as there's no beach. Not that it matters. The Merit Hotel, the tallest building between Frankfurt and Singapore, has a delightful rooftop pool.

Whereas the five-star Merit is best-suited to young families, the Hilton on the beachfront is more lively. There is a casino, a disco and familiar live Mediterranean music in the bar. (One of the most popular songs this year is a Turkish version of the Israeli song "Shekadam.")

For those wanting more activity, a few miles outside Mersin there is the Banana Hotel. Not quite as luxurious as the Merit or the Hilton – some of its accommodation is bungalow-style – it sits in its own private cove, offers diving courses (and certification) and has supervised entertainment for children. They are a bit stingy with the air-conditioning (it's off from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 till 8 p.m.) at times when they assume you'll be out swimming or on day trips.

Ah, those day trips. There are some stunning sights around, but make sure you get a minibus with comfortable seats – the five-hour journey through the mountains to Cappadocia is hell without cushions.

It's a long, long day to Cappadocia in central Anatolia, but there's so much to do and see along the way. On the journey to the central region (southeast of Ankara) you pass through fantastic valleys of cones and chimneys that look like something out of a fairy tale. There's the Goreme outdoor museum – a monastic complex of rock churches and chapels covered with frescoes. At Urgup you can haggle over carpets and kilims, or stop for a long slow lunch with lots of award-winning local wine.

Near Nevsehir there's an underground city to which seventh-century Christians fled from persecution. Some 20,000 people used to live there in a city that is 12 stories deep. That's a lot of stairs, but they are worth climbing to see how an entire community could live in those warren-like passages and tiny rooms (that include grain storage, stables, sleeping chambers, kitchens and air shafts).

It's not recommended for claustrophobes. You have to duck all the time, and the passages are so narrow that there isn't room to pass or even turn around – someone has to walk backwards to a passing point. You feel like human ants.

It could be called the stairmaster holiday. In four days I climbed up and down more steps than if I'd joined a health club. My legs were killing me but it was worth every step.

ONE DAY we went to a place called Heaven and Hell.

Heaven is 452 steps down into a cave whose roof collapsed hundred of years ago. The bottom is cool and shady, and the sound of trickling water echoes off the walls. Beyond the stalactites hanging off what's left of the corner of the roof, you can see the tree-covered slope.

They say the air down there is good for asthmatics. Even healthy people will need to take in a few good lungfuls – the climb back up is hell, especially in the heat. (The region's low 30s summer temperatures are similar to Israel's.)

The official Hell is another roofless cave, much steeper and 150 meters deep. It's not climbable (thank goodness!) but our guide Vedat claimed to have parachuted into it.

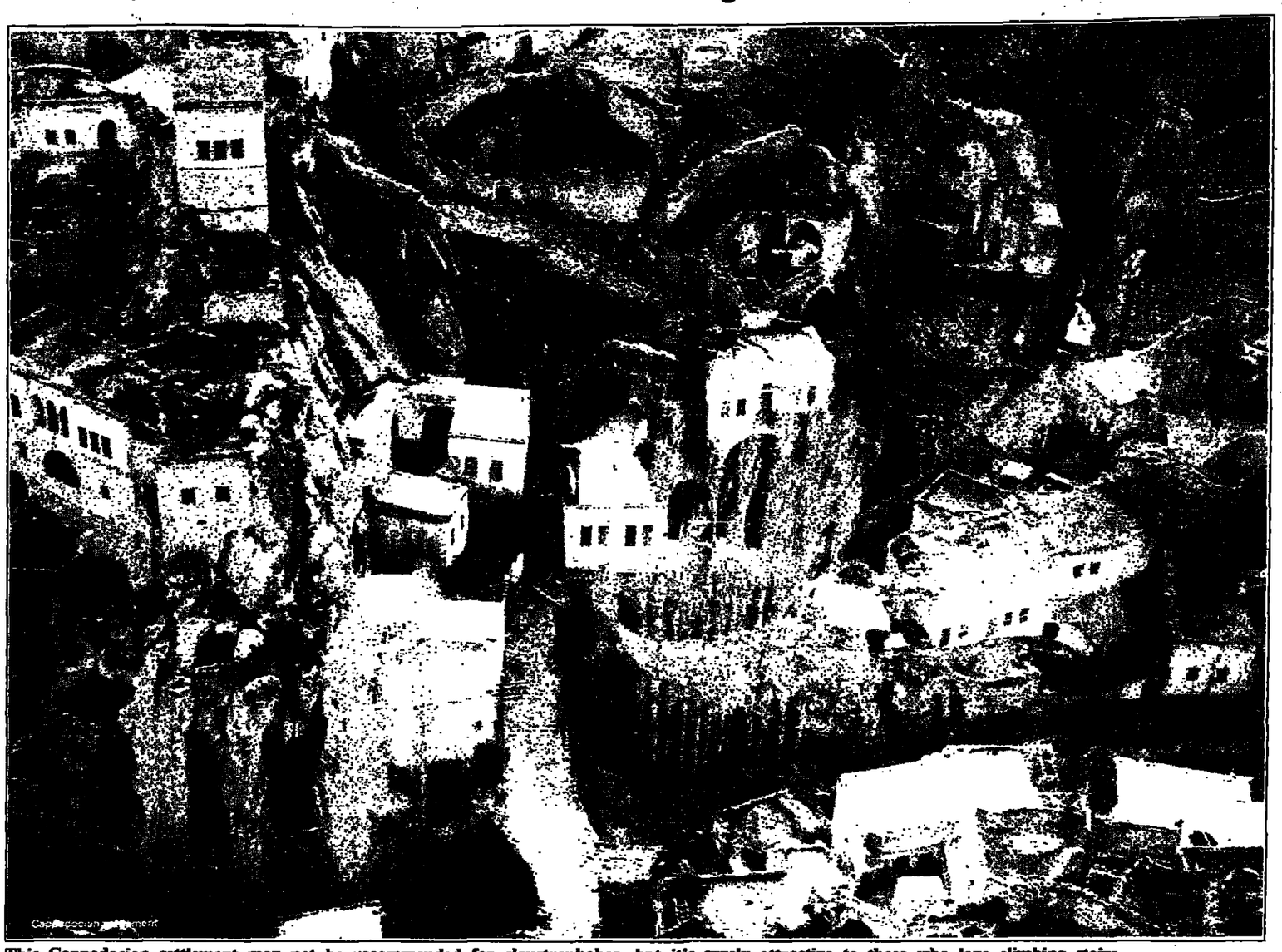
After a quick visit to an ancient Roman town complete with gladiators' pit, where they used to fight wild lions, we lunched at a stunningly beautiful cove where the pale blue water lapped at the restaurant patio.

Every meal was accompanied by platter after platter of salads: juicy tomato and cucumber salad, a thousand tasty ways of preparing eggplant, pickled baby vine leaves, and lots of excellent white cheese. But look out for the demon hot peppers! Even if you think you can take spicy food, these crunchy little critters will blow the roof of your mouth off. Only recommended for the once-in-a-lifetime experience of having your tongue hum.

The service, as in all the places we ate, was impeccable and unobtrusive. At times it was even too good. In other countries people are polite and hospitable but you feel like they're doing it because that's the custom and they're just going through the motions. In Turkey it was sincere – they genuinely wanted us to have a good time. Perhaps it was the area we were in, as yet unspoilt by badly behaved tourists, but sometimes they were so nice I I had embarrassing visions of being a haughty white woman with the native porters.

For a predominantly Moslem country women are treated well. At night the only people in coffee bars and restaurants are men, but tourists are welcome, and women in shorts and T-shirts don't cause problems. Most Turks are religious but they don't let religion interfere with daily life. The national drink raki (aniseed-based, like arak) is imbibed in vast quantities, with lunch, dinner and at any time in between.

How does an observant Moslem get around the laws of Islam? Our guide told us that the Koran says you must not touch one drop of alcohol, so you dip a finger into the glass, take out one drop, and swig the rest. How's that for a Talmudic solution!



This Cappadocian settlement may not be recommended for claustrophobes, but it's surely attractive to those who love climbing stairs.

Avdat: A local stop on the ancient Arabian peninsula spice route

SEE IT HERE

HAIM SHAPIRO

WHO would want to see Avdat when there's Petra?

Both sites were settled by the Nabateans, as stations on the spice route from the Arabian peninsula, and later developed by the Byzantines. Avdat, however, is modest in comparison to Petra, the famed capital whose magnificent buildings were carved out of red rock.

In fact, it is only after seeing Petra, Avdat and perhaps other spice-route stations, such as Mamshit and Nitzana, that one can imagine the incredible commerce that once traversed the Negev.

Avdat itself, a wind-swept hilltop in the midst of stark desert, is on the Beersheba-Mitzpe Ramon highway, some 60 kilometers south of Beersheba. (The road is in part a pleasant alternative to the Arava Highway for those driving to Eilat, even if some sections south of Mitzpe Ramon are not in good repair.)

Large portions of the town have been reconstructed, especially the public buildings from the Byzantine period. Among the remains of the churches is one fascinating burial stone with an inscription in Greek and two crosses on each side of a clear line drawing of a menora. The existence of a large baptismal font, with a smaller font on the side, is said to indicate that at some point the adults of the town, or of tribes in the area, were converted to Christianity.

Particularly impressive is the Byzantine wine press. Stone walls divide it into a series of sections where each farmer could unload his grapes and await his turn. From there, he pushed them to the pressing area, where there was a place for treading grapes and a screw press, in which the last drops of juice can be extracted.

The grapes for such a wine industry were produced using the ingenious desert agriculture techniques of the Byzantines, whereby the flood waters from infrequent rainstorms were channeled for irrigation and into storage cisterns. From the ancient site one can look down and see the experimental farm established by the late Prof. Michael Evenari, reproducing these techniques.

At the same time, the existence of the wine press gives rise to speculation that just as travelers in modern airports often pay outrageous prices for simple refreshments, so the camel drivers of the ancient caravans must have also grumbled at what they had to pay for a jar of wine in Avdat.

Despite the ancient channels, which are proof of this type of water economy, the flood waters were not Avdat's only source of water. Just a few kilometers to the north is the desert oasis of Ein Avdat, where you can take a leisurely walk or a strenuous hike.

If you are in the mood for hiking and are lucky enough to be traveling with two cars, leave one car at the parking lot of the southern entrance to the site and start your trek at the northern entrance. If not, drive into the northern entrance to enjoy the view from the top of the canyon and then drive to the southern entrance.

From the southern end, it is a short walk along a water channel to the large pool formed by the spring. A recently constructed dam has made the water deep enough for visitors to ignore the "no swimming" sign.

Hikers with two cars need to backtrack a few dozen meters to where steps cut into the rock to climb to the top. The route is one-way, going up only. It is a climb better made in the afternoon.

Both Avdat and Ein Avdat are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to Avdat is NIS 13 for adults and NIS 6 for children, while that for Ein Avdat is NIS 9 for adults and NIS 5 for children.

No need for clothes on this Cretan vacation

TRAVEL TIPS

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YOSSI Tours is marketing vacations with just about everything ... except clothing. Nudists can enjoy a week at the Calypso vacation village on the southern coast of Crete, about 80 kilometers from Heraklion. The resort has a secluded private beach and a swimming pool, as well as entertainment and sports facilities. The price for seven nights, including round-trip flight and half board, but not transport to the resort, is $696, with slightly higher prices for Succot. The company stresses that the package is available for couples only.

ROUND-TRIP flights to New York are available for $599 on some dates during August and September from Ophir Tours. For some other dates, the company has flights for $666. It is also offering round-trip flights to London for $333.

HISTOUR IS offering a package to the US which includes round-trip fare and four nights in a Manhattan hotel, with prices starting at $849, or $699 if the room is shared by two adults and two children. The offer is good from September 15 to October 31.

ANOTHER BARGAIN comes from Tzabar, which is offering a round-trip flight to New York on El Al, Tower or World Airlines, plus three nights at a Manhattan hotel, from $719. The offer is good August 28 through September 23.

A FOUR-NIGHT stay in Paris is being marketed by Natour for $629. The price is to remain unchanged throughout the holiday period.

FOR THOSE who really want to see local life the way it is, Geographical Tours-Neot Hakikar is organizing "open tours" of India and surrounding countries. Groups of up to 15 participants, aged 22 to 32, travel second class on trains and local buses, stay in simple family guest houses and remain for several days in each location. The prices of the 36-day tours start at $1,655 and include one-way fare only, because many of those taking part may continue traveling afterwards.

THE HOLIDAY Inn hotels in Munich are offering special rates during Oktoberfest, September 16 to October 3. A room at the deluxe Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza will cost $211 a night, while a room at the Holiday Inn Munich South will cost $204. A couple may bring two children at no extra cost.

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Graduating from Gaza to Harlem

TELEVISION viewers around the world came to know her during the Gulf War. At that time, Montreal native **Linda Scherzer** was CNN's correspondent in Israel. Two years ago, she joined the Israel Television news team, becoming *Mabat*'s first North American-born journalist and its first female reporter in the territories. Now, at the request of Foreign Ministry Director-General **Uri Savir**, she's off to New York to become director of minority relations at the Israel Consulate.

Scherzer, 35, feels as if she has arrived. It's routine for Israel Broadcasting Authority reporters to go abroad as envoys for the Foreign Ministry or as emissaries for the Jewish Agency. But to be selected for such a mission means she is no longer regarded as an outsider. Scherzer will be developing relations with the Black and Hispanic communities. Asked about her qualifications for the job, Scherzer observed: "I've spent the last seven years in Gaza. That qualifies me for the next three years in Harlem."

FOR FORMER Jerusalem mayor **Teddy Kollek**, a modest ceremony this week at the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation represented a number of milestones. The IGCMC came into being at Kollek's initiative; **Naomi Shemer** and **Shuli Natan**, the first awardees of Jerusalem 3000 medals, came to international attention when Shemer honored Kollek's request to compose something special about Jerusalem for the 1967 Israel Song Festival; and Jerusalem 3000 was Kollek's brainchild.

IGCMC executive chairman **Uzi Narkiss**, who was head of Central Command and commander of the troops who liberated Jerusalem, recalled that the IDF reunited the city two weeks after the first public airing of what was to become a national hymn – Shemer's "Jerusalem of Gold."

Shemer, a stickler for accuracy, corrected him, insisting that it was three weeks later.

Although the song with which she and singer Natan are most closely identified refers to gold in every refrain, the medals they received were made of silver.

THE PERIPATETIC Kollek is not the only octogenarian with a full calendar. Former foreign minister **Abba Eban**, whose wit and power of oratory are legendary, is still in great demand as a guest speaker. Eban has accepted the invitation of the Harry S Truman Library Institute in Los Angeles to give the opening address which will spearhead the campaign for the enlargement of the Truman Presidential Library in Independence, Missouri. The honor has been bestowed on Eban in recognition of his signal role in negotiating with Truman and Dean Acheson for US recognition of Israel, Israel's admission to the UN, and Israel's eligibility for US aid.

While in California, Eban will also address the World Affairs Council at a meeting to be attended by 700 community leaders. When he's not on the podium, Eban is busy writing. The September/October edition of *Foreign Affairs Quarterly* will feature his piece on "The United Nations Revisited" as its leading article on the UN's 50th anniversary. "If you retire from active politics you can get down to some serious work. If you're not careful, retirement can be an exhausting business," Eban says of his current life-style.

FOREIGN MINISTER **Shimon Peres** last week celebrated his 73rd birthday by moving into his new Tel Aviv office, where his neighbors include Eban's brother-in-law and Israel's sixth president **Chaim Herzog**, and former finance minister **Yitzhak Moda'i**, who is reportedly being courted for MK **David Levy**'s new political party.

AN AIR Force base in the North was the venne for a surprise party hosted at the end of last week by **Michal Yoffe** in honor of the 70th birthday of her mother, **Remma Weizman**. The president's daughter invited about 40 of her mother's friends to a "this is your life" presentation. The choice of venue might have been more in keeping with a party for Yoffe's father or for her husband, former flight commander **Dubi Yoffe**. Then again it was perfectly appropriate for Michal Yoffe, who spent most of her childhood and nearly all of her married life living on Air Force bases. After building a home for themselves in Kfar Warburg, the couple maintained their Air Force connections through their business, importing motors and other airplane parts. They are the Israel representatives of Pratt and Whitney, whose engines have been fitted to planes flown by the IAF and those manufactured by Israel Aircraft Industries.

ON THE face of it, nothing more aptly conveyed the message of excitement, variety, enjoyment, novelty and team spirit – which is why Jerusalem artist **Norma Walden** walked off with the first prize, a round-trip ticket to London, for her winning entry in the poster competition for The Event, otherwise known as the Anglo Mimouna. The round-trip ticket donated by **Livia Berman** of Ophir Tours was presented to Walden in the presence of **David Broza**, chairman of The Event committee.

CONGREGANTS OF the Beit Daniel Reform synagogue in Tel Aviv were pleasantly surprised last Friday night by the presence of a new family at the Sabbath services. US ambassador **Martin Indyk** arrived unannounced with his wife **Jill** and children **Sarah** and **Jacob**. While all newcomers are made welcome at the synagogue, the Indyks had a little more going for them and mingled after services with the regulars.

TAKING LEAVE of absence from Beit Daniel services are Rabbi **Meir Azari** and his children **Adam** and **Daphna**, who are off to Moscow this week to stay with their mother **Anna Azari**, minister counselor at the Israel Embassy. The Azaris met in San Francisco when Anna Azari served as Israel Consul there, and agreed when they wed that marriage would not interfere with individual career goals.

FORMER ambassador to the UN **Yohanan Bein**, who prior to his retirement served as deputy director-general at the Foreign Ministry, has just been appointed deputy chairman of the Yad Vashem executive, replacing war hero **Reuven Dafni**, who at 82 is stepping down to make room for younger activists.

THE "PLEASE TOUCH" sign at the new museum established in Old Jaffa by sculptress, jeweler and furniture designer **Ilana Goor** and her husband **Lenny Levengrov** is bound to delight curious visitors who are often restrained by attendants at most museums. The Ilana Goor Museum, on the site of the first Jewish khan in Jaffa, will officially open on September 12. Built in the first quarter of the 18th century, it contained a synagogue and a mikve, and because of its proximity to Jaffa Port, was a hub for pilgrims *en route to Jerusalem*. Goor and a team of architects have restored the beautifully arched building and turned it into a museum and gallery, focusing on special activities for children as well as for adults.

SHE MAY be out, but she's not down. Notwithstanding her humiliating defeat in the 1992 national elections, when her Tehiya party failed to earn even one Knesset seat, former MK **Geula Cohen** has announced she will be running in the Likud's next primaries.

GRAPEVINE
GREER FAY CASHMAN



Artist Norma Walden (center) holds the poster that won her a round-trip ticket to London from Ophir Tours. With her are Ophir Tours' Livia Berman and The Event Chairman David Broza. (Jacob Katz)



The first awardees of Jerusalem 3000 medals: (from left) Shuli Natan and Naomi Shemer, with Uzi Narkiss. (Vilnai-Kavim)



Former MK Geula Cohen may be out, but she's not down yet. (Scope 80)



Shas's Aryeh Deri sings 'My Way' as he talks with the Third Way. (Ariel Jerozolimski)



Shimon Shetreet got a rap over the knuckles before The Presence. (Israel Sun)



In the US, a drug-sniffing pig is certified by bureaucrats as a dog. (UPI)

Putting the best pig forward in the fight against bureaucracy

THE WEEK THAT WAS
MICHAL YUDELMAN

AFTER the terrorist bombing of a No. 26 bus in Jerusalem's Ramat Eshkol neighborhood, it was reported that the police are recruiting man's best friend in the war on terrorism.

They are training – and already using – special dog squads to sniff out explosives, just as the Americans and Europeans have long used dogs to track drugs.

Very laudable. But what had all this to do with an odd press release from the Quality and Excellence Center in the Prime Minister's Office, which started off with a rambling tale of a pig called Harley in the United States?

To unravel the connection, it's necessary to start at the tail and work back to the snout of the issue.

All television watchers are familiar with the cute Labradors and German shepherds with more brains than the average Los Angeles Police Department detective.

But the latest recruit to a private company of American sleuths in Portland is Harley the drug-sniffing pig, who graduated top of his class from a tough training course.

Alas, when the handlers sought Harley's "authorized sniffer" certificate, it was found that under federal regulations only dogs could wear the coveted sniffer badge with Pride, Integrity, Guts. No pigs please, we're cops.

Harley's handlers decided to declare war on a bureaucracy that put procedures before objectives and enlisted no less a champion than Vice President Al Gore – who heads an aggressive program for quality government and the abolition of red tape.

The outcome? Harley won, sort of.

He got justice and his certificate. But the bureaucrats just had to have the last word – the certificate confirms he is a dog, but only for the purpose of sniffing and identifying drugs. For all other purposes he is a pig.

We're almost there – so back to the prime minister's Quality Center.

"We may not have a pig-sniffing problem in Israel," explained Dr. Avigdor Zonnenshain, the center's manager, "but there is no doubt that we have hundreds of regulations which should be canceled or changed to improve public service."

Ah! So the lesson brought back by a Quality Center staffer from a study tour in the US is not that we should hire sniffer pigs but, based on an American porker's experience, that we too can slash bureaucracy.

Let's start by borrowing Harley and setting him loose to sniff out and chomp on some of the idiotic government faxes clogging up our machines.

IT STILL MOVES

Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet was summoned to The Presence this week for a rap session. On his knuckles.

It seems the Masorti Moroccan boy is getting airs above his station. The haredi party bosses are not pleased. They approved his appointment, on the assumption their allocations would be safe, but a subterranean rumble of doubt has exploded into a roar.

The cause? The 25th anniversary of Shetreet's MA thesis was marked by choice slices of it – dealing with freedom of religion – being reprinted in the press.

Among the sacrilegious views expressed by the young Shetreet in 1970: The barrier between men and women at the Western Wall is illegal; Reform conversion is valid; coercing marriage by religious edicts and institutions is against freedom of conscience and religion; obliging women to dip in the mikve before marriage is against the law. And so on.

Oy vey, shrieked Agudat Yisrael, the man is worse than Shulamit Aloni and he's not even a woman. Fire him.

Prime Minister Rabin summoned Shetreet to the carpet in the presence of the two chief rabbis – probably the first case of a student being called to defend a thesis 25 years after writing it.

Shetreet promised the rabbis he would consult with them in future on religious decisions and not interfere with the status quo or with Halacha.

The Movement for Progressive Judaism, which brought the thesis to the attention of the media, neatly shot itself in the foot.

However, like Galileo forced to recant before the pope, Shetreet could have emerged muttering *"e pur si muove"* (it still moves), since he let it be known his reforms will continue, albeit with a lower profile.

Some are already in the offing – secular burial grounds, opening the secret blacklists of persons forbidden to marry, financing civil marriages abroad, and forcing religious-court judges to toe the state legal line.

Another haredi bone of contention is Shetreet's distinctly unholy idea of allowing financial allocations to all streams of Judaism under equal criteria.

One of Shetreet's discoveries when he entered this old bastion of religious parties was its ancient tradition of "losing" requests for financial aid from sectors not affiliated to the incumbent religious party.

The system worked perfectly. When the National Religious Party had the ministry, haredi applications for money were hard to find; when Shas was "in," NRP pleas were mislaid.

Requests from the Reform movement inexplicably fell behind everyone's filing cabinets.

WINTER WOOLLIES

Shetreet's thesis may have flunked, but he gets marks for trying.

His more military-style colleague, Ehud Barak, carried a white flag as he stormed the Interior Ministry, another long-neglected religious stronghold.

At least, he surrendered summertime without a skirmish. Barak decided to cut summer short, a Shas-worn tradition, at the end of August.

As Shakespeare prophesied about Israel: "Summer's lease hath all too short a date."

While Paris, Rome, London – and even nearby Larnaca and Athens – will continue to party away the balmy summer evenings until October, our gloomy Jewish sun will sink in late afternoon.

The usual counterarguments – logic, millions of dollars' worth of wasted energy, the economy, nighttime traffic accidents – have sunk with it.

Of course there are always those overriding political considerations. Either Barak is so cozy with his Shas buddy Aryeh Deri that he wouldn't dream of inconveniencing him, or perhaps Rabin told the new boy that any rocking of the Shas boat was over for this summer. What's left of it.

Barak meanwhile has been dropping in with snappy military style to inspect various remote outposts of his empire. He hasn't yet been spotted in the Interior Ministry's notorious Shalom Tower labyrinth.

Not his fault – rumor has it he "took a number" three months ago and is still waiting to be summoned to a tea-stained desk.

MY WAY

Now that you're just getting used to the Third Way, enter Aryeh Deri singing "My Way."

No sooner had the Third Way and MK David Levy staked out their respective claims to mine the national center-ground than Deri burst on every screen to tell a startled world that Shas is already there. Peace and territorial concessions – that's what the country wants.

Shas, proclaimed Deri, is already deep in talks with the Third Way and Likud on the vision for a permanent settlement.

Shas? Since when does Shas have a security and foreign affairs agenda? Has Rabbi Ovadia Yosef been told?

It appears Deri got that feeling of walls closing in. Here's Levy threatening to scoop up the "Masorti-Sephardi" right. There are Third Wayers tipping their hats at the mass of sane religious voters who are sick and tired of having respectable kippa-and-beard read as screaming-settler-cowboy. Now who's left to vote for Shas?

No problem! In five seconds, Deri whipped out his Etch-a-Sketch and drew a platform – Shas is peace and territorial concession; Shas is not Likud "not-an-inch"; Shas is definitely not Labor helter-skelter-interim-agreement. What more could a voter ask for?

Funny thing, Likud and the Third Way were somewhat astonished to learn of their "intensive talks" with Deri. The Third Way was even more piqued to find its new ideas dressed up in Shas robes.

On *Popolitica*, Dan Margalit raised those "talks" with Deri. He looked blank. Someone must have shaken the Etch-a-Sketch.

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Elbit, Romanian Aerospace in $300m. deal

BUCHAREST (Reuter) – Romania's Aerostar aerospace group and Elbit have launched a $300 million project to upgrade 100 Romanian air force MiG-21 fighters in line with NATO standards, a company official said yesterday.

"Today we gave the green light to the commercial phase of the project," Aerostar SA spokesman Viorel Mihalcea told Reuters. He said an upgraded MiG-21 had been tested successfully.

Aerostar has linked with Elbit's 's avionics operations in the project, part of Romania's efforts to upgrade its forces with membership of NATO's Partnership for Peace (PFP) plan for cooperation with former East Bloc states.

"The prototype is compatible with NATO standards. All the 100 aircraft upgraded at Aerostar will be able to perform flight missions in cooperation with NATO," Mihalcea said from the plant at Bacau, north of Bucharest.

Elbit supplies modern technology and equipment.

Upgraded Soviet-made MiG-21s will include new air defense radar and a radar altimeter for strike missions. The package also includes a new mission computer and a redesigned cockpit.

Upgrading the 100 aircraft will be a four-year job.

Romania was the first East European country to sign up for PFP and is upgrading much of its Soviet-era forces.

In July, it signed a letter of intent with Bell Helicopter, part of US group Textron Inc., to build 96 Cobra AH-1F attack helicopters under license for its armed forces.

Bundesbank cuts discount, Lombard rates by 0.5%

BERLIN (AP) – Germany's central bank yesterday lowered its two main official interest rates by a half-point, a move welcomed by the government as promoting stable growth.

The US dollar rose on the news, trading at DM 1.4939 in Europe at mid-afternoon, compared with DM 1.4877 before the announcement.

The discount rate, which had been 4.0 percent since March 30, was lowered to 3.5%, and the Lombard rate, which had been 6% percent since May 11, 1994, was lowered to 5.5% at the regular biweekly meeting in Frankfurt of the Bundesbank's Central Bank Council.

The discount rate is the cheapest form of bank refinancing and the main official benchmark rate. The Lombard rate applies to emergency interbank loans.

Germany's official interest rates now are at their lowest since late 1988, when the Bundesbank began raising rates in response to inflationary pressures that grew with the financial strains accompanying German unification in 1990.

The Bundesbank gave no extended explanation of its move, saying only that recent low growth in money supply had been "the decisive reason" for cutting rates.

Lower interest rates tend to weaken the mark against the dollar because they make investments denominated in marks less attractive. Last week, concerted intervention in currency markets by the US, Japan, and Germany helped boost the dollar.

Stadtwerke Bremen to run EFL plant

ELECTRIC Fuel (EFL) has selected German municipal utility Stadtwerke Bremen to operate its $6 million zinc-air regeneration plant, now under construction in Bremen.

The firm will provide personnel, space, and a financial contribution to the plant to be used by the Deutsche Post. The German postal service is presently conducting a field test program of 64 vehicles powered by EFL batteries. *Rachel Neiman*

Clal Industries profits soar

COMPANY RESULTS

RACHEL NEIMAN

CLAL Industries reported second-quarter net profits of NIS 61.54 million, up from NIS 17m. in 1994. Revenues were NIS 693.17m., up from NIS 524.1m. Earnings per share were NIS 0.44, up from NIS 0.12.

Net profits for the six-month period were NIS 120.3m. Revenues were NIS 1.3 billion, and earnings per share were NIS 0.86.

Net profits were favorably influenced by ECI and Opal results, which balanced out Scitex's net loss. Capital gains of NIS 2m. were recognized on a realization of holdings in DSP and an Opal share issue.

During the second quarter Clal Industries realized a NIS 9.2m. capital gain on a NIS 21.4m. sale of Mercury Interactive shares.

Zim Israel Navigation reported second-quarter net profits of $4.9m., down from $8.6m. in 1994. Revenues were $359.48m., up from $320.9m.

Net profits for the six month period were $3.46m. Revenues were $700m.

The rise in revenues was due to a 15 percent increase in shipments.

Half-year results included a $5.2m. tax provision of which $3.9m. was back taxes as compared with a $11.4m. tax provision and $10.8m. in back taxes in the parallel 1994 period.

Zim said results were also affected by a 37.6% increase in fuel costs, a devalued dollar-shekel exchange rate, and ongoing delays at the Israeli and Brazilian harbors.

The company is entering several strategic partnerships to increase profitability and is restructuring its international services activities. This would entail transferring certain ships from one trade zone to another, resulting in high one-time costs.

• **Edunetics** reported a $684,529 second quarter net loss, down from net losses of $60,862 in 1994. Revenues were $1.5 million, up from $1.17m.

Six-month net losses were $2.15m. Revenues were $3.3m.

General manager Amos Genish said the drop was due to decreased sales, following a cut in direct marketing and sales activity, which Edunetics is transferring to alternate channels.

Genish further pointed out that second-quarter 1994 results had included a one-time revenue of $1.25m., part of a $2.85m. deal with the Niagara Falls school district.

Edunetics also announced this week it has closed a distribution agreement with US catalog company Sunburst.

• **Jaf-Ora** announced second-quarter net profits of NIS 4.1m., up from NIS 3.6m. in 1994. Revenues were NIS 91m., up from NIS 72.11m. Earnings per share were NIS 0.14, up from NIS 0.11.

Net profits for the half year were NIS 9.45m. Revenues were NIS 161.6m. Earnings per share were NIS 0.30

During the second quarter the company expanded its Tapuzina line and began distribution of Royal Crown Cola under license.

• **Reshef** reported second-quarter net losses of NIS 4.9m., down from NIS 3m. in 1994. Quarterly revenues were NIS 32.75m., down from NIS 38.6m.

Six-month net losses were NIS 9.3m. Revenues were NIS 74.6m.

Operating losses for the quarter were NIS 3.6m., and for the six-month period were NIS 4.5m.

• **Aura Investments** reported second-quarter net profits of NIS 712,000, up from NIS 641,000. Revenues were NIS 1.9m., up from NIS 1.36m. Earnings per share were NIS 1.06, up from NIS 1.04.

Net profits for the half-year period were NIS 56,000. Revenues were NIS 2.59m. Earnings per share were NIS 0.08

Carmel Bank posts NIS 23,000 gains

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

CARMEL Bank posted second-quarter net profits of NIS 23,000, from net losses of NIS 442,000 in the same period last year.

First-half net profits increased 287% to NIS 2.07m., from NIS 534,000 in the same period last year. In the first quarter, Carmel Bank registered net profits of NIS 2.05m.

Net return on equity on an annual basis rose to 5.5% at the end of June, from 2.1% in the first half of 1994.

Carmel Bank implemented efficiency measures in the second quarter, including employee layoffs and branch mergers. As a result, the bank incurred provisions for severance pay reaching NIS 1m., including NIS 750,000 to the former general manager.

The results were also influenced by the difference between the index for the month and the known index, which led to a rise in expenses.

Earnings from financing operations before provisions for doubtful debts increased to NIS 6.35m., from NIS 5.87m. The provision for doubtful debts fell to NIS 451,000, from NIS 1.15m.

• **Menorah** reported a 53% rise in second-quarter net profits to NIS 7 million, from NIS 4.5m. in the corresponding period last year.

Six-month net profits fell to NIS 10m., from NIS 11.8m. in the same period in 1994.

The rise in earnings was mainly due to a 61% growth in profits from life insurance activities to NIS 13.57m., from NIS 8.55m. Premiums from life insurance activities rose 7.5% in the second quarter to NIS 286m.

In the second quarter the company's profits from investments rose to NIS 2.1m., from losses of NIS 2.9m. in the same period last year. The rise reflected a growth in the company's bank deposits and also an improvement in the value of its security investments traded on the stock exchange.

The results were partly offset by general insurance activities, which suffered from continued losses from the automobile sector mainly due to the wave of car thefts. In the second quarter, net losses from the general insurance division reached NIS 1.17m. compared with profits of NIS 3.79m. in the same period last year.

Menorah general manager Shabtai Engel said the new premiums introduced in June will only be felt from the second half of 1995.

• **Illit** insurance company reported net profits of NIS 182,000, up from a net profit of NIS 52,000 in the corresponding period last year.

Six-month net profits rose to NIS 334,000, from losses of NIS 664,000 in the first half of 1994.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (24.8.95)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	5.000	5.125	5.250
Pound sterling ($100,000)	4.750	4.875	5.125
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.875	2.875	3.250
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	1.750	1.750	2.125
Yen (10 million yen)	–	–	–

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (24.8.9)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.4285	3.4638	—	—	3.4552
U.S. dollar	3.0236	3.0724	2.97	3.12	3.0570
German mark	2.0402	2.0732	2.00	2.11	2.0448
Pound sterling	4.5713	4.7467	4.59	4.82	4.7024
French franc	0.5953	0.6050	0.58	0.62	0.5977
Japanese yen (100)	3.1260	3.1785	3.07	3.23	3.1404
Dutch florin	1.8227	1.8521	1.79	1.88	1.8271
Swiss franc	2.4628	2.5026	2.42	2.54	2.4702
Swedish krona	0.4137	0.4204	0.40	0.43	0.4158
Norwegian krone	0.4677	0.4753	0.45	0.49	0.4696
Danish krone	0.5268	0.5363	0.51	0.55	0.5278
Finnish mark	0.6903	0.7015	0.67	0.72	0.6935
Canadian dollar	2.2253	2.2618	2.18	2.30	2.2525
Australian dollar	2.2415	2.2777	2.20	2.31	2.2675
S. African rand	0.8253	0.8397	0.74	0.84	0.8343
Belgian franc (10)	0.9828	1.0089	0.97	1.03	0.9946
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9016	2.9485	2.85	2.99	2.9091
Italian lira (1000)	1.8699	1.9001	1.83	1.93	1.8833
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.13	4.42	4.4174
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.86	0.93	0.9630
ECU	3.8356	3.8975	—	—	3.8442
Irish punt	4.7682	4.8452	4.68	4.92	4.7963
Spanish peseta (100)	2.3956	2.4384	2.25	2.48	2.4061

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

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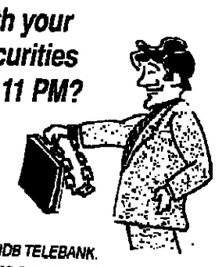
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US dollar	... NIS 3.0570	+ 0.36%
Sterling	...... NIS 4.7024	+ 0.45%
Mark	.... NIS 2.0448	- 0.47%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	4581.32	-3.53
DJ Transport	1893.94	-3.13
DJ Utils	202.28	+0.59
DJ Comp	1550.83	-0.93
NYSE Industr	378.58	+0.15
NYSE Transpon	266.28	-0.12
NYSE Comp	298.38	+0.35
S&P 100	525.75	+0.23
S&P Spot Index	557.49	+0.35
AMEX Comp	528.86	+0.04

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	+820	1067	1110
Volume up (in 1000's)			121428
Volume down (in 1000's)			128287

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3520	+4.1
Tokyo Nikkei average	17921.9	+190
Singapore all-share index	509.1	0
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	9058.34	-74.3
Israel Index	156.11	-2.17

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pap	55.875	-2.25
Ampal A	6.75	+0.0625
Aryt	1.25	-0.0625
BioTechnology	2.96875	+0.03125
Carmel Cont	13.25	+0.5
Frutarom (electrochem)	3.9375	0
Elscint	3.125	+0
Etz Lavud	9.75	-0.125
Etz Lavud A	9.375	-0.125
Laser T.	10.5	-0.625
PEC	25.625	-0.125
Tadiran	22.5	-0.25
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
AG Associates	31.5	+0
Aladdin	19	-0.25
Accent	14.625	-0.625
4TH. Dimension	7.375	+0.125
BVR	5.75	-0.375
Converse	19	+0
Data (Defense)	11.125	-0.25
DSP Comm.	23	-1
ECI	20.375	+0.75
Edunetics	1.5	+0
Edu-Soft	8	+0
Electric Fuel	8.375	-0.125
EFFI	55	-3.75
Elbit	21.875	-0.125
Elron	11.625	-0.125
Eshed Robotec	0.8125	-0.03125
M. Systems	4.625	-0.25
Gilat	24.875	-0.125
ISG	2.875	-0.1875
Geotek	8.5	+0.125
Healin Tech	1.5625	-0.0625
Idan	0.34375	+0
IIS	3.375	+0
Indigo	33	-0.5
Isramco	0.65625	+0.03125
First Isr Fund	12.25	+0.125
Istek	0.28125	0
Lannet	24.8125	-0.25
Lanoptics	18.5	-0.5
Magal	3.625	+0
Media-Al	1.1875	0
Mercury	23	+0.375
Magic	10	-0.5
Opal	20.5	-0.25
Orbotech	11.625	-0.1875
Oshap Tech	2.875	-0.125
Pharmos	1.71875	+0
Rada	5.5	+0.6875
Scanx	20.5	-0.25
Silcom	2.5	0
T.A.T. Technol	3.8125	+0.0625
Taro Vit	7.875	+0.125
Teledata	8.75	+0.5
Telegraph	1.625	0
Tower Semicond	33	+0.5
Teva	37	-0.75
TVG	1.25	0

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INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.5457	+0.002
	Sep.future (CME)	1.549	+0.0022
D-mark:	spot	1.4738	-0.008
	Sep future (CME)	0.6777	+0.0029
S-franc:	spot	1.2175	-0.0079
	Sep.future (CME)	0.821	+0.0044
Yen:	spot	98.55	+0.12
	Sep.future (CME)	0.010391	+2.1e-005
CanDlr:	spot	1.3542	-0.0048
	Sep.future (CME)	0.739	+0.0029
AusDlr:	spot	0.7406	+0.0001
	Sep.future (CME)	0.7397	+0.0001
F-franc:	spot	5.0616	-0.0151
It Lira:	spot	1606	-11
Nlg:	spot	1.6495	-0.0109
AusShlg:	spot	10.405	-0.01
Rand:	spot	3.6615	+0.0065
ECU:	spot	1.2733	+0.0056
Bonds	future	110.875	+1
S and P	future	558.55	+0.75

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	5.8375	0
Dollar	6 months	5.9687	0
Dollar	12 months	6.0625	0
Sterling	3 months	6.875	0
Sterling	6 months	6.9375	0
Sterling	12 months	7.0625	0
S-franc	3 months	3	0
S-franc	6 months	3	+0
S-franc	12 months	3.125	0
D-mark	3 months	4.375	0
D-mark	6 months	4.375	0
D-mark	12 months	4.375	-0.0312
Yen	3 months	0.875	0
Yen	6 months	0.875	0
Yen	12 months	0.875	-0.0625

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (CEC)	1318	-13
Coffee (Sep) (CEC)	150.35	-0.85
Sugar no.11 (Oct) (CEC)	11.39	-0.19
Wheat (Sep) (CBOT)	441	+2.75
Orange juice (Sep)(CEC)	109.45	+2.75
Crude oil light (Sep)(CEC)	18.54	0

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (LCE)	926	-3
Coffee (Sep) (LCE)	2809	+2
Wheat (Sep)(LCE)	112.15	+0.15
Brent crude oil (Sep)(IPE)	-	-

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	382.95	-0.5
Silver:	spot	5.62	-0.03

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Aug)	383.4	-0.3
Silver (Sep)	5.607	-0.03
Platinum (Oct)	431.3	+4.5
Palladium (Sep.)	149.9	-0.55
High-grade copper (Sep)	1.3955	+0.0065

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	383.1	-0.35
Gold PM fix	384	+1.25
Silver fix	557.5	+11.5
Platinum PM fix	428.25	+2.75

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
IndDevBK	22545	8.0
IndDevDD		
IndDvPrD		
MaraC	164.00	0.2
MishkanC		
OHH	157811	2.0
Trade	518	
TradeC	147.50	-2.8

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	347799	-8.3
Carmel	881	
CarmC3	275	
FinsMB	47190	
IndepMB	73642	
J lemC	128.50	
JlemBnk	212	
LeumiMBR	52808	
Mizrv	7679	-2.0
TefahotR	181379	0.2

Financial Institutions Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
mivtahaha	1187	0.5
Ayalon	498	-1.0
AyalonC		
Eltan	380	0.8
EltanC1	215	-0.9
Hadar1	973	-2.0
Hadar5	921	-3.5
HamshmrC	223	-0.4
Hamshmr1	1890	-5.0
Hamshmr5	1615	
Menorah1	993	
Menorah5	1001	
Phoenix1	2870	
Phoenix5	2897	
Sahar	736	3.2
Zion5	10852	

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
hashmira	509	
Mehtau	1082	
rafvays	2805	-2.5
nisco	1959	
BezekW2	285	-0.4
BndWthC1	133.50	
BndWthC2	132.50	0.4
BondWth1 L	3248	1.0
Clig0.1	43680	-4.5
Clal Comp	8718	3.7
ClalCmpC	156.00	
CorBeach	1579	-1.0
Crystal	1536	
DanHos1	1891	2.5
DCL	864	1.1
Elad	123.00	
Feldman	225	-6.0
GanHadar	228	
GanHadC	206	0.5
GranitC1	113.00	
GranitW2	79.00	
HGBC1	141.00	
HGBW1	75.50	
HGB1	503	0.2
Intgamat1	3349	
Intgamat5	3215	
Liraz	1805	-3.0
Mafil	1034	-8.5
Medtech	503	-1.8
MedtechW	724	-2.0
MLLC1	161.50	
MLL1	268	
Rapac	2094	-1.5
Reshef	90.00	
ReshefC1	114.50	
Team	2330	
TeamC1	158.50	
Telsys	1248	
Topline	290	0.7
Yaad	725	3.6
YaadC1	126.00	0.4
Yaana	1868	-0.5
Yeds1	1283	-1.5
Yona	800	

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
ashotashk	142.00	
Imco	534	2.7
solog	517	
wiligar	125.50	-0.4
yehudasl	589	-1.0
AclacoC	127.50	-1.5
Alliance	1274	-3.0
Alony	342	2.4
Alumit11L	11563	
Angel	9453	-0.5
Argaman	413	
Aryt	377	-10.0
ArytC1	61.00	-4.7
Ashply	2339	
Ashplyc1	183.50	
Ashtrom	683	-5.0
Atzmon	452	-4.4
AtzmonW1	117.50	2.2
Azimuth	487	
Balmon	547	
Boulo	242	
BouloC1	206	-0.5
CablesC3	135.50	-0.4
CablesW3	277	-5.1
Careline	545	-0.9
Cargal	1252	-1.0
Castro	1486	-0.3
Cham	411	-3.3
ClalStrC	278	
ClalStr0.1	2431	
Clnd C8	198.50	
Cyclone1	5730	
Cyclone5	3646	5.0
CyclonC1	183.50	0.3
CyclonC2	107.00	0.5
Delronci	189.50	
Delron1	1838	-0.3
Decision	384	-0.8
Delta 1	1633	
Deltas3	1574	
DubekB	15330	2.5
DubekR	15269	2.5
EldanTec	49.30	
Elbond	7000	
Elcmea	818	
Elctr 0.5	8976	-0.5
ElectrG4	299	0.3
EshdRbtc	455	-1.1
Evrot	845	-2.0
Fertiz5	1122	-3.0
Fertil0.1	1198	
FeuchtW1	8754	-3.5
Five J	425	2.2
FrutarC1	213	-0.9
FrutarC2		
GiborC1	101.00	
GiborSab	330	
GiborW2	164.00	
Golan	1058	10.0
Hatehof1	398	-4.9
Hatehof5	183.50	-0.3
Hod	435	-4.8
Hoft	287	-10.1
IsrCam1	3390	-2.5
Jaf-ora	1139	
Kadmany1	300	7.5
Kedem	8838	-2.5
KedemC2	190.50	-0.5
Keter	544	-0.9
KitanC1	142.50	-1.0
Kill	2665	-1.0
Kil5	2479	-2.0
Lipski	3111	0.5
Lodzia1	1306	-0.5
Lodzia4	1179	
LuhotGal	131.50	
MacPell	263	10.0
Magam	542	
Maxima1	1339	
Maxima5	1324	3.3
Mel Eden	1559	-1.0
Modgal	1008	-3.0
Mozaica1	873	
Mozaica5	830	1.3
NegCeram	451	-0.2
Nehusht1	1042	-1.0
Nehusht5	809	-7.2
Nevior	1413	1.0
Nice1	2208	
NMC	582	-10.0
Olts	896	
Ophir	381	-3.1
Orbit1	342	
Orlite	472	-1.3
PackerW2	9588	-7.7
PazChan	489	-1.4
Pika	1285	-1.0
PolgatA	284	
PolgatC1	185.50	-0.3
Polygon	582	1.8
PolygonC	170.50	
PCB	785	-3.0
Rabintex	152.00	-1.9
RabinexW	35.00	
Sanlach	243	-0.8
Sano1	1707	
Sano5	1640	1.0
Salen	500	
Shemen	15933	-0.7
Spicex	379	-1.0
Suntros	6302	1.7
Taal	354	-3.1
Tadiran	717	-2.0
Tambour	878	
Taya	673	-0.4
Tadea	1594	0.5
TevaC		
Tiv	528	-2.0
Tobias1	459	
Topper	116.50	5.0
TATC1	191.00	
TAT1	846	
Unibar1	1114	-8.5
Unibar5	382	
Vitalgo1	521	-0.8
Vulcan	292	-0.9
VulcanC	178.00	
Wardinon	17080	-1.0
WardinW3	6192	-4.0
YtongC2	387	
Zahavi	299	-2.0
Zika1	2003	
Zika5	1782	-2.0
Zikit1	3710	
Zikti5	3503	-1.5
ZionCab1	561	
Zoharind	458	2.0

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
buildpro	607	7.4
jacolehr	216	2.9
rimad	259	-5.8
tzartat	486	2.9
weitzon	82685	-3.2
y.stang	149.00	
Alrov	1721	-4.8
Arazim	271	-3.6
Arazim C1	182.60	-1.1
Arledan1	1522	
Assis	1393	-2.0
AssisC4	140.00	
AssisW2	100.00	6.3
Assuta	1091	0.7
AssutaC1	233	
AzorprC1	289	
AzorProp	839	-2.0
Barano1	818	-1.0
Bayside5	36789	1.5
BaysideC1	37020	-2.0
BenYaKar	2010	1.3
BenYakrW1	305	-2.6
BenYbarC	94.50	-0.5
BldgRes	2815	-3.0
CohenDev	585	-3.7
Constr	1483	
DanKner	1578	-2.5
DanKnerC	166.00	0.3
Darad1	187.00	
Dunbar	5136	
Engel	802	
Gazit	536	
GoldHous	300	
GldHousC	159	
Hamasit	1482	-0.3
Ispro	3843	
Israloom	2176	
IsraloomC	226	
IsraC1	197.50	0.3
Isras0.5	5482	
Isras1	5505	-4.0
Jaycour1	139.50	
Jordan	589	
LaznikC1	106.00	
Laznick	275	3.0
Lifshitz5	162.00	1.9
Lupiri1	2978	4.5
MalibuC2	125.50	
Malibu1	974	-8.0
MarLazC2	103.00	3.5
MarLazW3	121.00	2.1
Minrav	11167	
Mishnael	198.50	5.1
MTM	2050	-2.0
NeotAviv	1484	
OcifC1	131.00	-0.4
OcifW1	2459	-8.6
Cholisb	823	
Oz	312	-3.7
Parpod	1595	-0.3
PtiOr	6035	-0.5
RedSea	598	-0.2
RogovinIL	1387	-5.3
Rogovin5	1341	1.3
Rolem	434	
Shaked	441	
Tashtuz	702	

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
darbam1	2436	
taya	1182	
Acker1	1581	
Ackers2	1420	
AfriarC	540	-1.5
Ampa	124438	7.0
Arad	6866	
Azr aC2	178.00	
Baruch1	1637	1.2
Baruch5	855	0.9
Clal50	8492	
DanbarC	224	0.9
Danbar1	2698	
Edgar	179.50	
EdgarC2	139.50	
Elem	4138	-3.0
Emeh	174.50	
ExportC4	227	-2.2
Gahelet	7323	0.2
Haman	2133	9.0
Hilan	403	
HilanW4	248	-2.0
Hiron5	8400	0.5
Iscal	1173	0.8
IDLC6	194.00	0.8
JoelC1	167.00	0.3
JoelC1A	186.50	0.3
Karclam1	429	
Kital	340	
Magor1	2188	1.0
Magor5	1860	
Molett	542	0.6
Oler	13836	
Pama0.1	1071	
Rim1	431	
Rim4	331	7.8
SaharDev	2101	1.5
Securits-	1958	1.0
SecuritC.	124.50	-2.0
SecuritW	364	7.1
SAPANHASP	1187	
TayaC	268	
TzurC1	191.50	
TzurSHmr	91.50	
Unico	5957	0.8

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
MGN1	2334	

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Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
afrtechi	728	-2.8
ankis	1477	-1.0
giltek	593	
Idcins.	147.00	-1.0
isebarns	168.50	
redseahtl	204	
tim	508	-2.3
AtlanW1	870	
Comsec	579	
Delta1	3.00	-3.2
Danel	1603	
Data	945	-10.0
Elitech	408	
Greenbrg	340	
ILDCHOT	509	
Kind	87.50	
Kopel	215	
KopelC1	167.50	0.6
MZPK	642	
Ninun1	849	
Regency Ho	139.50	0.4
TrendLin	1217	

Property, Building

Name	Price	%chg
a.doni	251	0.8
alonitetz	86.00	
grandcir	164.50	5.1
pandor	623	-9.7
Adler	227	
Bar—Ton1	1877	8.7
Caesrea1	4881	-0.5
Danly	787	
GezitW1	275	
GzulC1	295	
ICP5	23873	5.0
Lazrach	275	
Lunstn1	902	
Mallaron	1244	-0.2
Rassco	1846	2.5
Scandia	85.50	3.8
ScandiaC	91.50	
UnicomG1	153.50	0.7
Unicom1	103.50	
Unicom5	104.00	

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
alcodsgn	96.00	
kadoorign	414	8.1
lipman	1869	-6.0
maarivhid	965	
phylon	310	
elchart	449	
techem	984	
lotnauer	591	-3.3
viemtrix	92.50	
zirnostal	1928	-4.7
Adumim1	268	
Brosh1	239	
Dexter	1432	10.0
Elam	170.00	1.2
Galf	181.50	-1.1
King1	510	
Lahish1	2975	
ManC1	148.00	2.1
Masr1	162.00	0.6
MLT	1583	-5.0
Nece	30085	
NeceG1	200	
Orazit	232	
OrazitC	89.00	
OrdaPrnt	1918	-2.0
Poliakl	709	-0.6
Poseidon	71.00	0.7
Shiadox	124.50	-0.4
Tbnvesi	312	2.6

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
Ider	883	-10.1
marathon	78.50	
Alien	1801	0.3
Binyan	57001	-3.3
Miraga	108.00	
Optima	152.00	2.0
Regent1	365	
Yitsum	80.00	-3.0

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
Abjac	11.60	2.7
Avner	3.00	
DIKOEx1	2262	-2.8
Naphtha	25.20	2.4

Two-sided trading

	AFTERNOON			MORNING		
Name	Price	% Change	Volume Shares	Price	% Change	Volume Shares
electrac	3383	-1.0	24000	3397		7484
nacional	738	-0.7	36000	744		48183
Ackerlin	571	-3.2	30000	575	-2.5	26715
Afris 0.	396255	-2.5	275	397271	-2.2	206
Afrisr	369880	-3.2	72	375615	-1.7	58
Agan	5112	-1.0	11900	5164		8173
Agis	2640	-3.0	800	2640	-3.0	8983
Azorim	4065	-3.5	12500	4117	-2.3	12819
ALPM	16880	-4.0	4100	17231	-2.0	3875
Baran	2531		800	2531		12916
Bezek	829	-0.2	256000	831		114171
Cables	1838	-2.0	9900	1838	-2.0	19077
Clal Ele	37511	-0.7	1050	37605	-0.5	2741
Clal Tra	749	-0.5	2500	749	-0.5	36241
Clal 10	8533	-3.2	20800	8820		
Clalins	1488	-3.5	37500	1483	-5.0	37935
Cldstr 5	2205	-4.0	27000	2297		
Clinds	1920	-3.5	70000	1990		
CoOp	1899	-0.5	23000	1909		4256
Danbar 5	2744	-4.0	800	2744	-4.0	4402
Dead Sea	871	-1.7	18000	869	-2.0	21086
Degem1	1057		4000	1057		16856
Delek	8947	-0.5	5400	8992		9393
DevIMB	19858	-1.2		19856	-1.2	1576
Disclnv	19947	-2.2	2340	20049	-1.7	3244
Elbit	21508	-2.7	2800	21563	-2.5	2341
Elco	12460		2340	12460		4240
Elite 5	1337		90000	1337		73592
Elron	11569	-1.0	5940	11686		2159
Evergr n	2438	-1.2	17500	2469		3370
Export	1511	-2.0	1200	1511	-2.0	13196
FeuchtW5	7312	0.5	2750	7348	1.0	3023
Fibi	45259	-1.2	760	45832		1140
Formula	1757	-4.0	4800	1757	-4.0	13070
Frstint1	37065	-1.5	720	36970	-1.8	357
Frstint5	36862	-1.0	2750	36862	-1.0	1044
Frutarom	1172		16500	1172		26065
General	9451	-0.2	800	9451	-0.3	3817
Granit	513	-4.0		513	-3.9	15761
Hapoalm	513	-0.6	469000	516		107611
Hapolm	9098	-3.5	2400	9098	-3.5	4837
IndBldg	462	-2.0	96000	462	-1.9	43136
Isramco	2.5	0.5	7800000	2.5		4534949
IsrCorp1	25190		1120	25190		
IsrCorp5	24617		560	24617		
IsChem	226	-1.5	364000	226	-1.3	401493
IDB	1080	-0.7	39600	1085	-0.3	62374
IDBDev	5565	-2.0	16450	5679		8843
ILDC	1097	-1.0	80000	1105	-0.3	65755
JEC	1140	-0.5	34000	1137	-0.8	24708
JOEL	117.0	2.7	225000	116.5	2.2	116692
Kardan5	398			398		
Kitan	816	-1.7	12500	819	-1.4	21135
Koor	27905	-2.0	11900	28332	-0.5	5738
Leumi	427	0.5	436500	425		637245
Lifshiz1	229	-2.2		229	-2.1	105516
Makhtesh	1738	-1.7	7000	1740	-1.5	17916
Malibu5	935	0.5	10000	930		30807
Maman	790	0.2	8000	788		46224
Marit1	1730	-2.2	21000	1743	-1.5	11719
Mashov	486	0.5	80000	484		61176
Mehadrin	8001	0.5	1800	7961		2691
MeirEzra	1677	0.2	14000	1673		20613
Mishkan	32955	-1.5	50	32955	-1.5	236
Mivtah	1810	-1.7	8000	1806	-2.0	12704
Multilock	1182	0.5	31500	1176		47612
NatollDS	5.2	-1.5	4200000	5.2	-1.9	1959936
Ocif	7911	-2.5	250	7911	-2.5	271
Ormat	645	-1.5		645	-1.5	30779
Osem	2523		95900	2536	0.5	32236
PazoilEx	598		27500	598		69755
Packer	15550	-4.5	6000	15510	-4.7	6597
Pericles	2281	-1.5	32400	2316		32417
Petrchem	1782	-1.0	127000	1764	-2.0	4534
Piryon	10253	-3.0	1620	10411	-1.5	601
PolgatB	285	0.2	84000	284		52734
Rogosin	2864	-0.7	3500	2872	-0.5	7601
Secom	368	-1.5	20000	369	-1.3	113864
SelaPump	90.0	-2.0	330000	91.0	-1.1	131243
Shiton	11089	-1.0	1400	11117	-0.7	1799
Steel	338	-3.0	24000	338	-2.9	131433
SupersIB	6116	-1.0	17400	6163	-0.2	4058
TefahotB	183607	-1.2		183607	-1.2	31
Tempo1	1407	-3.0	9800	1415	-2.5	15219
Teva	115164	-3.0	3180	116055	-2.2	955
TAT5	347	-3.7	76000	347	-3.6	31755
Urdan 0.	469	0.5	8000	469	0.4	97780
Ytong	1010	-2.7	62000	1021	-1.7	27400

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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Name	Price	chg
NEW YORK		
AMP Inc	40.875	-0.875
AMR Corp	72.625	-0.25
ASA	42.875	-0.25
Abbott Labs	37.625	+0
Acme Cleveland	23.25	+0
Advanced Micro	33.5	+0
Aetna Life	62.625	+0.25
Affiliated Publ	8.25	-0.125
Aflac	39.625	+0.125
Ahmanson (HF)	21.625	+0.125
Air Prods	54.875	+0.75
Alberto-Culv B	29.25	+0.125
Albertson's	30.125	+0.25
Alcan Aluminum	34.75	-0.375
Alco Standard	79	-0.25
Alex & Alex	23.375	-0.125
Allegheny Power	24.25	-0.25
Allied Signal	45	+0.625
Alcoa	58.375	-0.625
Amax	38.125	+0.125
Amdahl Corp	9.0625	-0.0625
Amerada Hess	48.5	-0.25
Amer Brands	42.25	+0.75
Amer El Power	34	+0
Amer Express	40.125	+0.25
Amer Genl Corp	34.375	+0
Amer Greeting	30.375	-0.5
Amer Home Pr	79.25	+0.125
Amer Int'l	78.75	+0.75
Amer Natl Ins	57.25	-0.75
Amer Stores	28.25	+0
Amer T & T	53.75	+0.125
Ameritech	49.375	+1
Ametek Inc	18.125	-0.125
Amoco	62.75	-0.875
Analog Devices	35.375	+0.375
Anheuser-Busch	58.75	+0.125
Aon Corp	37.625	+0.25
Apple Computer	45.75	+0.25
Archer Daniels	16.375	-0.25
Armco	6.25	+0.125
Armstrong World	54.75	+0.125
Asarco	34.125	+0.25
Ashland Oil	32.875	-0.25
AST Research	13	-0.125
Atlantic Richfld	109.875	-0.75
Auto Data Pro	65	+0.125
Autodesk	44	-1.75
Avery Dennison	40.125	+0.5
Avnet Inc	51.5	-0.5
Avon Products	70.625	+0.125
Balmco Corp	4.875	-0.125
Baker Hughes	20.75	-0.375
Ball Corp	34.375	-0.125
Bally	11.875	-0.125
Baltimore Gas	28	+0.125
Banc One Corp	32.375	+0.125
Bandag	59.75	+0.875
BankAmerica	54.75	+0.375
Bank of Boston	42.75	+0.25
Bank of New Yk	39.75	+0.5
Bankers Trst NY	68	+0.625
Barnett Banks	58	+0.125
Battle Mount Gd	10.125	-0.125
Bausch & Lomb	40.375	-0.375
Baxter Intl	37.5	+0
Becton Dickinson	58.875	-0.125
Bell Atlantic	59	+0.25
Bell Industries	22.75	+0.25
BellSouth	66.75	+1
HA Belo Corp	33.5	-1
Beneficial Corp	48.125	-0.875
Bethlehem Steel	14.5	-0.25
Beverly Enters	13.375	-0.125
Biomet	15.5	+0.125
Black & Decker	32	+0.25
Boeing	63.125	-0.5
Boise Cascade	42.125	-0.625
Bowater Inc	49.25	-0.625
Briggs & Strtn	38	-0.125
Brist Myrs Sqb	68.375	+0.375
Brit Airws ADR	67.625	-0.125
BP ADR	90.125	+0.625
Brit Steel ADR	27.75	-0.125
Brit Telecom	61.625	+0.5
Broadway Stores	7	-0.25
Brooklyn Union	24.875	+0.25
Brown Group	24	-0.125
Brown & Sharpe	8.75	+0.375
Browning Ferris	34.5	-0.25
Brunswick	20	-1
Burlington Nthn	68.375	+0.5
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CBS Inc	81	+0.5
CMS Energy Corp	24.75	-0.125
CPC Intern	61.625	+0
CSX Corporation	82	+0
Cabot Corp	51.5	-0.25
Campbell Soup	46.375	+0.375
Capital Cis ABC	114.75	-0.75
Carolina Pwr Lt	30.75	+0
Carpenter Tech	77.75	-0.125
Caterpillar	64.375	-1
Centerior Energy	10.5	+0
Centex Corp	28.5	+0
Central & SW	24.375	+0
Ceridian	44.125	+2.25
Champion Intl	57.5	+1.875
Charng Shoppers	5.375	+0.75
Chase Manhattan	51.875	-0.125
Chemical Bkg	53.5	+0
Chevron Corp	47.375	-0.125
Cheyenne Softwre	21.375	-0.125
Chiquita Brands	16.5	+0.25
Chrysler	51.625	+0.5
Chubb Corp	88.375	+0.75
Citicorp	65	-0.25
Cilcorp	38.25	+0.25
Clevld Cliffs	48.5	-0.25
Clorox	66.625	+0.25
Coastal Corp	32.25	-0.125
Coca Cola	63.75	+0.875
Coca Cola Ent	22.625	+0
Colgate Palmolv	67.75	-0.375
Comcast Corp A	20.75	-0.375
Compaq	49	-0.5
Compute Ass Int	72.5	-1.125
Computer Sci	60	+0.5
Conagra	39.25	+0.5
Cons Edison	28.5	+0.125
Cons Freightways	26.125	-0.125
Cons Nat Gas	37.75	+0.5
Cons Rail	68.375	+0.375
Cooper Inds	38.25	-0.375
Coors (Adolph)	18.8125	-0.0625
Corning Inc	32.25	+0.25
Crane	38.75	-0.125
Cray Research	23.5	+0.125
Crown Cork Seal	44.625	+1.125
Cummins Engine	39.25	-0.75
Curtiss-Wright	44	+0.125
Cypress Semicon	50.25	-0.75
Cyprus Mineral	29	-0.25
DSC Commun	53.75	-0.75
DQE	24.125	+0
Dana Corp	30.125	-0.25
Data General	10.25	+0.25
Dayton Hudson	72.75	-0.75
De Beers	26.125	+0.125
Deere	82	-1.5
Delm Pwr & L	21.5	+0.5
Delta Air Lnes	77.25	+0.25
Deluxe Corp	30.75	+0
Detroit Edison	30.25	+0.25
Dial Corp Del	24.75	-0.375
Diebold Inc	46.25	+0.375
Digital Equip	40.125	-1.125
Dillard Dep St	31.125	+0.25
Disney (Walt)	56	-1.375
Dominion Res	38.375	-0.125
Donelley (RR)	37.5	-0.25
Dover Corp	82.5	+0.25
Dow Chemicals	73.5	-0.25
Dow Jones	38.125	+0.625
Dresser	23	+0.125
Duke Power	40.25	-0.5
Dun & Bradst	57.75	+0.125
Du Pont	64.875	-0.125
E G & G Corp	19	-0.25
Eastern Ents	30.875	-0.125
Eastman Kodak	58	+0.125
Eaton Corp	54.625	-0.75
Echlin Inc	35	+0.125
Emerson Elec	70.25	+0.25
Engelhard Corp	29	+0.25
Enron Corp	33.5	+0
Enserch Corp	16	-0.125
Entergy Corp	24	-0.125
Ethyl Corp	10.75	-0.125
Exxon	68.625	+0.25
FMC Corp	75.125	+0.25
FPL Group	38.875	+0.125
Fedders Corp	-	-
Federal Express	71.625	+0.375
Federal Mogul	22.75	+0
Fed Nat Mtge	92.625	+0.5
Federal Ppr Bd	38.625	+0
Fieldcrest Can	23.875	-0.25
First Bank Sys	44.625	+0
First Chicago	62.75	+0.125
Frst Fid Bcorp	65.375	+0.125
First Interst	88.375	+0
Fruit of the Loom	23.875	-0.25
Fst Mississippi	32.75	+0
Fst Union Rlty	7.75	+0.125
Fleet Fin Grp	38.25	+0.875
Fleetwd Enterp	19.375	+0
Fleming Cos Di	28.375	-0.125
Florida Prog	30.875	+0.25
Fluor Corp	58	+0.375
Food Lion Inc	6.75	+0
Ford Motor	29.125	-0.25
Foster Wheeler	37.25	+0.75
Freeport McMor	5.5	-0.125
Galoob Toys	8.25	-0.125
GATX Corp	51.25	-0.25
Geico Corp	55.75	-0.375
GTE Corp	35.875	+0.125
Gannett	51.375	+0.375
Gap Inc Del	32.25	-0.375
Gencorp	11.625	+0.125
Gen Am Invest	20.5	-0.375
Gen Dynamics	52.25	+0.25
Gen Electric	57.75	+0.625
Gen Mills	52.125	+0.125
Gen Motors	48.25	-0.25
Gen Motors E	48.25	+0
Gen Motors H	40.625	-0.375
Gen Public Utl	28.5	+0
Gen Reinsurnce	143	-0.125
Gen Signal	34.875	-0.125
Genuine Parts	38.75	+0.25
Georgia Pac	88.75	+0.25
Gillette	42.375	+0.625
Glaxo ADR	24	+0.375
Golden W Finl	44.75	+0.125
Goodrich (BF)	59.125	-0.125
Goodyear Tire	39.375	-0.125
Grace (W&R)	66.375	+0.375
Grainger (WW)	59	+0
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28	+0.125
Gt Western Finl	20.5	+0.125
Halliburton	40.75	-0.25
Hanna (MA)	27.875	+0.25
Harcourt	42	+1.375
Harley Davidson	28.125	+0.25
Harnischfeger	37.875	+0
Harris Corp	58.625	+0
Harsco Corp	58.5	+0.25
Hartmarx	6.625	+0
Hasbro	32.125	-0.875
Hecla Mining	11.5	+0
Heinz (HJ)	42.375	+0.25
Helmrch & Payne	28	-0.25
Hercules	54.75	+0.875
Hershey Foods	59.625	+0
Hewlett Packard	81.125	+0.125
Hilton Hotels	66.875	-0.125
Home Depot	41.375	+0.125
Homestake	18.875	+0.125
Honeywell	42.75	-0.625
Hormel (Geo)	23.875	+0.125
Household Intl	65	+0.75
Houston Inds	42.875	+0
Humana	18.5	+0.25
IBM	104.875	-1.75
Illinova Corp	24.75	-0.125
Illinois Tool	58.75	+0.625
INCO	36.5	-0.125
Ingersoll Rand	39.75	-0.75
Inland Steel	28.75	-0.25
Intel Corp	61.0313	-1.34375
Intergraph	12.0625	-0.125
Interlake	2.5	+0
Intl Fmly EntB (?)	16.875	+0.25
Intl Flav & Fr	48	-0.5
Intl Multifoods	22.375	-0.125
Int Colin Enrgy	5.375	+0.125
Intl Paper	80.875	-0.375
Interpublic	39.125	+0.25
ITT Corp	119.875	+1.375
James River Co	34.375	-0.5
Jefferson Pil	61.25	-0.25
Johnson & J	68	-0.25
K Mart	14	-0.125
Kellogg	68.125	+0.5
Kennametal	37.875	+0.125
Kerr-McGee	54.375	+0
KeyCorp	30.75	+0
Kimberly-Clark	64.875	-0.25
King World Prod	38	-0.75
Knight Ridder	58.375	+0.125
Kroger	32.25	+0.625
LSI Logic	50.625	+1
Leggett & Platt	48.625	+0.375
Lancaster Natl	52.375	-0.5
Lilly (Eli)	78.125	+0.625
Limited Inc	18.875	+0.125
LIN Broadcasting	128.125	+0.125
Lincoln Nat	40.625	+0.25
Litton	37.5	+0.25
Liz Claiborne	22.5	-0.25
Lockheed Corp	61.375	-0.375
Loews Corp	130.125	+2
Lone Star	23	+0
Long Island Lt	17	-0.125
Longs Drug Sts	36.25	-0.125
Loral Corp	55.5	-0.125
Lotus Dev Corp	-	-
Louisiana Land	37.625	+0
Louisiana Pacif	23.25	+0.125
Lowe's Co Inc	35.625	+0.125
Lubrizol	31.875	-1.25
MA Comm Inc	-	-
MCI Commun	23.0625	-0.1875
Manor Care	32.25	-0.5
Manville Corp	14.375	-0.25
Mapco Inc	52.875	+0.25
Marion Merrell	-	-
Marriott	36	+0.125
Marsh & McLn	79.5	-0.5
Martin Marietta	163	-1
Marvel	14.75	+0.125
Masco Corp	28.375	+0.25
Massmutual Corp	32.875	-0.125
Mattel Inc	28.875	+0.125
Maxus Energy	-	-
May Dept St	44	+0.125
Maytag Corp	15.625	-0.125
McDermott	22.125	-0.375
McDonalds	37	+0
McDonnell Dglss	82.625	-0.875
McGraw Hill	79	+0.625
McKesson Corp	43.5	+0.25
Mead Corp	62.25	-0.125
Medtronic	82.5	+0.875
Mellon Bk	41.625	-0.125
Melville Corp	34.5	+0.375
Mentor Graphics	18.625	-0.125
Mercantile Strs	46.625	+0
Merck Inc	50.75	+0.75
Meredith Corp	39	+1.625
Merrill Lynch	56.875	-0.125
Microsoft Corp	99.125	-1.75
Millipore	36.875	-0.625
Mine Safety App	52.5	-1.5
Minnesota Mine	54.125	-0.625
Mitchell Energy	16.5	-0.125
Mobil Corp	95.375	-1.25
Molex Inc	40.75	+0
Monarch Machi	15	+0.25
Monsanto	97	-1
Morgan (JP)	70.625	-0.125
Morrison-Knudsn	8	+0
Morton Intl	31.75	-0.25
Motorola Inc	74.75	-0.5
Multimedia Inc	42.625	+0.0625
Murphy Oil	38.375	-0.625
Nacco Inds	59.5	+0
Nalco Chemical	35	-0.5
Nashua Corp	18.125	-0.25
Natl City Corp	31.375	+0
Natl Semi	28.75	-0.375
Natl Serv Ind	29.125	-0.375
NatWest Bank	54.375	+0.125
Navistar Int	12.625	-0.375
NBD Bancorp	35.25	-0.125
New England El	34.75	-0.125
News Corp	22.5	+0.125
NY State El Gas	24.5	+0
NY Times A	28.375	-0.125
Newmont Mining	45.125	-0.375
Niag Mohawk	14.5	+0.125
Nicor Inc	25.5	+0.125
Nike Inc	94.5	+1.625
NL Industries	15.5	+0.625
Noble Affil	28.25	+0.125
Nordstrom	40.5	-0.375
Norfolk Southrn	70.5	-0.5
Northeast Util	22.875	+0
Nthn State Pwr	43.125	-0.25
Northrop	60	+0.375
Norwest Corp	29.125	+0.375
Nynex Corp	44.625	+0.5
Occidental Pet	21.5	-0.5
Ogden Corp	23.25	+0.125
Ohio Casualty	31.75	-0.25
Ohio Edison	21.75	+0
Olin Corp	62.5	+0.5
Omnicom Group	60.375	+1.5
Oneok Inc	22.25	+0
Oracle Systems	42.5	-0.375
Oryx Energy Co	12.75	-0.5
Oshkosh B'gosh	17.75	+0.375
Outboard Marine	21.25	+0
Overseas Ship	22	-0.375
Owens Corning	38.75	-0.25
Owens Corning	38.75	-0.25
PHH Group	42	-0.5
PNC Financial	25	+0
PPG Industries	42.375	-0.875
Paccar Inc	48.25	-0.75
Pacificorp	18.125	+0
Pac Enterprises	23.875	+0.125
Pac Gas & Elect	28	+0.125
Pac Telesis	27.75	+0.375
Pall Corp	21.5	+0.625
Panh Eastern	24.875	-0.125
Parker Drilling	5.375	+0
Parker Hannifin	39.375	+0
Penney (JC)	46.625	+0.125
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	21.875	+0
Pennzoil	44.25	-0.125
People's Energy	28.25	+0.125
Pepsico	45.5	+0.875
Perkin Elmer	35	+0.375
Petrie Stores	4.125	-0.125
Pfizer	49.875	+0
Phelps Dodge	65.875	+0
Philadel Elec	25.875	+0.125
Philip Morris	74.25	+0.875
Phillips Pet	32.125	-0.25
Pioneer Hi Bred	41.625	-0.375
Pitney Bowes	40.625	+0.125
Policy Mgt Sys	50.625	-0.625
Potlatch Corp	58	+0.125
Potomac El Pwr	21.375	+0.25
Procter & Gamble	68.25	+0.625
Pub Svc Enterpr	27.5	-0.125
Pug Snd Pwr	21.625	-0.25
Quaker Oats	35.375	-0.125
Qualcom	49.375	-0.5
Quanex Corp	28	+0.625
RJR Nabisco	28.875	-0.125
Ralston Purina	51.625	+0.375
Rank Organ ADR	14.25	-0.125
Raychem Corp	44.125	+0.25
Raytheon	81	-0.5
Reebok Intl	34.625	-0.75
Reynolds Reyn A	31.875	+0.25
Reynolds Metals	62.625	+0.125
Rite Aid Corp	27.25	+0
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Rohm & Haas	57.375	+1
Rohr Industries	15	-0.125
Rouse	20.625	-0.125
Rowan	7.25	+0
Royal Dutch	119.125	+0.75
Rubbermaid	29.75	+0.125
Ruddick	25.75	+1
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Ryder System	24.125	-0.25
Rymer Co	1.875	+0
SPS Technology	39.5	+0.25
Safeco Corp	58.75	+0.0625
Safety-Kleen	15	+0
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Silicon Graphics	43.125	-0.375
Skyline Corp	17.5	+0.125
Smith Intl	16.125	+0
SmKline Bchm A	47.5	+0.25
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Southwestn Bell	48.5	+0.5
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Sysco Corp	28.375	-0.5
TJX Cos Inc	13.375	+0
TRW Inc	77.625	+0.125
Tambrands	46.125	-0.375
Tandem Comp	12.125	+0.125
Tandy Corp	62.875	+1.25
Telecom Corp	19.125	+0.125
Teledyne	23.875	-0.375
Temple Inland	53	+0.625
Tenneco	47.5	-0.5
Tesoro Pet	9.125	+0.125
Texaco	64.5	+0.25
Texas Instrmnts	76	-1.5
Texas Utilities	34.625	+0.25
Textron	67.125	-0.5
Thiokol	38.875	-0.625
Thomas & Betts	67.875	-0.75
Time Warner	42.875	-0.625
Times-Mirror	30	-0.25
Timken	44.75	-0.5
Torchmark	38.625	+0
Tosco Corp	31.75	+0.125
Total Pet N Am	10.875	+0
Toys R Us	28.625	-0.125
Transamerica	64.875	+0.75
Tribune	66.75	+0.875
TRINOVA Corp	37.375	+0.125
Triton Energy	53.75	+0.5
TSX Corp	-	-
Tyco Labs	57.375	-0.5
Tyler	2.75	+0.125
UAL Corp	153.875	-0.25
USG Corp	25.875	+0.25
UST Inc	29.125	+0.375
USX Marathon	20.375	-0.25
USX-US Steel	31.5	-0.5
Unicom Corp	26.25	-0.125
Unilever NV	79.375	-0.625
Union Camp	57.25	-0.375
Union Carbide	35.125	+0.125
Union Electric	35.625	+0.125
Union Pacific	69.375	+0.25
Unisys Corp	8.5	+0
USAIR Group	8.125	-0.125
USF&G Corp	17.875	-0.25
US Home	23.125	+0
US Life	42.875	+0.375
US Surgical	23.75	+0.125
US Trust	77.625	+0.125
US West	42.625	-0.125
United Tech	82.875	-0.375
Unocal Corp	27.625	+0.125
Upjohn	42.375	+0.375
VF Corp	55.5	+0.25
Valero Energy	23	-0.125
Viacom Inc	49.125	+0.125
Vulcan Materials	52.5	+0.75
Wachovia	38.75	-0.25
Walgreen	24.125	+0.125
Wal-Mart Stores	24.625	-0.125
Warner-Lambert	88.75	+0.125
Wash Gas Light	19	-0.125
Washington Post	280	+2.5
Waste Mgmnt Inc	30	-0.5
Watkins-Johnson	51.25	-0.5
Weis Markets	28.25	+0
Wells Fargo	182.375	+1.25
Wendy's Intl	19.625	+0.25
Western Publ	10.125	+0.125
Westinghouse El	15.625	+0.375
Westvaco	44	-0.25
Weyerhaeuser	45.25	+0.25
Whirlpool	58	-0.75
Whitman	19.75	+0
Willamette Ind	67.5	+0.875
Winn Dixie Stor	57.125	+0.125
Woolworth	13.25	-0.25
WorldCommunications	31	-0.125
Worthington Ind	19.75	-0.375
Wrigley	44.75	+0.25
Wrigley	44.75	+0.25
Xerox	123.625	-0.375
Yellow Freight	14.75	-0.4375
Zenith Electron	8.5	+0
Zero Co	18	-0.25
LONDON		
Allied - Lyons	508	-9
BAT Inds	516	-1
BP	488	+5.5
BT	401	+4.5
BTR	336	-1.5
Barclays	720	+6
Bass	563	-1
Boots	582	-4
British Airways	438	-2
British Gas	284	-1
Cable & Wire	426	-0.5
General Electric	313.5	+0
Grand Met	413	-3
Glaxo	776	+2
Guiness	500	+0
HSBC (75p shs)	876	-1
Hanson	218	-1.25
ICI	778	-2
Land Securities	602	-9
Lloyds Bank	700	+1
Marks & Spencer	448.5	+0
NatWest Bank	593	-1
Prudential	339	-0.5
Reuters	589	+1.5
Sainsbury	472	+1
Shell Transport	747.5	+2
Unilever	1240	-9
PARIS		
Accor	638	-10
Air Liquide	832	-3
Alcatel Alsthom	513	-2
BSN	865	+3
BNP Cert Inv	-	-
Canal	736	+0
Carrefour	2540	+1
Chargeurs	1096	-10
Club Med	504	+0
Cred Lyon (CI)	284	+3
Elf Aquitaine	364.5	-1.9
Euro Disney	15.6	-0.2
Eurotunnel	-	-
Hachette	102	-0.7
LVMH	926	-1
Lafarge Coppee	360.4	-1
Lyonn Eaux	511	+1
Michelin B	223.1	-6.4
Moulinex	110.1	-1.2
Paribas	272.3	+1.3
Pernod Ricard	316	-1.1
Peugeot	667	+3
Rhone Poulenc Cia	-	-
Saint Gobain	668	-2
Suez (Fin de)	331	+0
Total B	310	-0.1
FRANKFURT		
Allianz AG	1379	-9
BASF	330.2	-1.7
Bayer	383.8	+0.8
Commerzbank	3.5	0
Daimler-Benz	733	+0
Deutsche Bank	68.8	-0.12
Dresdner Bk	39.45	-0.23
Hoechst	362.75	+0.85
Lufthansa	222	-0.8
Mannesmann	467	-1
Mercedes Hld	-	-
Metallgesellschaft	33.45	+1
Porsche	728	-10.5
Siemens	760.5	+2.5
Volkswagen	449	-0.1

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Market falls as Teva drops

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

FELICE MARANZ

206.13 -1.47% — Two-Sided index

208.57 -1.39% — Maof index

LEADING shares fell yesterday after gains on Wednesday, as investors lost faith in Teva, which dropped 2 percent.

The Two-Sided Index fell 1.47%, to 206.13, and the Maof Index fell 1.39%, to close at 208.57. Across the exchange, seven shares fell for every five that rose.

Shares worth NIS 127.2 million changed hands, about NIS 13.2m. below Wednesday and about NIS 30m. above levels last month.

During the week the Two-Sided Index gained nearly 1%, as investors bought shares following better-then-expected second-quarter earnings reports.

Arieh Maoz, vice president of Central Securities, forecasted rising share prices next week as well, partly due to a possible decrease in interest rates.

The Bundesbank cut in both its leading interest rates "will be motivation for the Bank of Israel to lower interest rates on the shekel," said Maoz.

On the Maof Index, drug maker Teva declined following losses Wednesday on the Nasdaq, where Teva's American Depository Receipts fell to 37¾, 4 from 39⅛ on Tuesday. In early trading on the Nasdaq yesterday, the share was unchanged.

Investors had "second thoughts about Teva," said Maoz. "At first, the market took the news hard, then things calmed down. Now investors are taking a second look and thinking maybe the approval process will take time".

Holding company Koor fell as investors speculated that Russian investors had purchased a stake in the company. "The rumors of Russian money lowered confidence and cooled the market on the share," said Maoz.

Maof-listed Tadiran, , a Koor subsidiary, also fell, losing 2.75%. At the same time, Maoz pointed to Wednesday's announcement that Bank Leumi had exercised an option to purchase a 6.7% stake in Koor as a sign of "faith in the company and in the economy as a whole."

Bank Leumi shares rose 0.5%, an increase "no doubt influenced" by the Koor purchase, Maoz said.

Other declining Maof Index shares included holding company Clal, which fell 3.25%. Although Clal subsidiary Clal Industries reported that second-quarter profits more than tripled, its share price fell 3.5%. Investors had anticipated rising profits.

Shares in Israel Corp. closed unchanged after the company reported a decline in subsidiary Zim's earnings.

After trading closed in Tel Aviv, the Amex/Oscar Gruss Israel Index rose as much as 0.22 to 155.11. The index, which measures 11 Israeli companies traded in the US, closed at an annual high of 156.80 on Monday. (Bloomberg)

FTSE up 4 points

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – British share prices ended a quiet session with modest gains, constrained by bonds and unimpressed by a ½-point cut in German interest rates.

Dealers and analysts said the market is likely to remain in the doldrums today ahead of a three-day weekend and after breaching record highs early this week.

The FTSE 100 index of leading shares closed 4.1 points up at 3,520.0 on a 725 million turnover, boosted by the sale of Enterprise Oil's 94m. share stake in LASMO.

FRANKFURT – German shares shrugged off the Bundesbank cutting two key interest rates, trading within a choppy narrow range and showing none of the gains expected from views the lower rates would invigorate the economy.

The 30-share DAX index ended bourse trade down 0.56 points at 2,262.85 but near the session high of 2,264.65.

"I would have expected more of a surge in the market after the rate cuts and the lack of activity makes me a bit nervous," said one Frankfurt share trader.

Despite the lackluster response after the discount and Lombard rates were cut, analysts said the they will likely lead to the DAX outperforming its European counterparts.

The rate cut could also give the market enough strength to push the DAX index through its all-time high at 2,284.56.

"On balance, we will keep trying to inch upward," said Josh Waiblinger at BHF Bank in Frankfurt. "There is a chance for a new high, especially if American and other international investors come into the market."

"Without them, it will be difficult to do so," he said.

But some share market analysts said the market will take time to digest the rate cuts' impact and may rise as much as 10% in the coming months.

PARIS – French shares ended down yesterday, the closing day of the August account, despite support by the Bundesbank decision to cut two key interest rates.

The CAC-40 index closed down 18.25 points, or 0.93% , at 1,937.17.

Eurotunnel, up 10 centimes at FFr12.60, continued to rebound for the third day.

TOKYO – Stocks ended moderately higher on news that Japan Tobacco (JT) would make a statement on progress in its development of an AIDS drug at 4 p.m. (0700 GMT) that spurred buying of JT and pharmaceutical shares, brokers said.

The news in late afternoon made JT shares bid-only and they finally closed up 100,000 yen at 914,000 yen. The pharmaceutical sector jumped by 2.82%.

The Nikkei average ended 190.01 points or 1.07% higher at 17,921.99. Before the JT news emerged, trade had been quiet and the Nikkei was little changed from Wednesday's close.

Blue chips drift lower

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) – Blue-chip stocks drifted to a slightly lower close yesterday as the market took its direction from weakness in high technology stocks and ignored a sharp drop in bond interest rates.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended 4.23 points lower at 4,580.62. In the broader market, declining issues led advances by a small margin in moderate trading of 301 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

	MARK	STERLING	YEN	SFr	FFr
MARK	—	0.4396/92	65.48/51	0.8255/58	3.4339/44
STERLING	2.2760/80	—	149.15/27	1.8901/24	7.8190/05
YEN	1.5262/75	0.6696/06	—	1.2601/15	5.2405/76
SFr	121.04/19	0.5312/19	79.29/34	—	4.1564/23
FFr	0.2910/14	0.1277/79	19.04/09	0.2403/06	—

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England rugby players get new promotional deal

LONDON (Reuter) – England rugby union officials took another step towards professionalism in the game yesterday when they announced a sponsorship deal that will bring international players £40,000 ($62,000) each next season.

The deal follows lengthy negotiations with the players and coincides with the opening day of the International Rugby Board meeting in Paris called to redefine the whole issue of payments withing what is supposedly an amateur game.

Announcing the deal, English Rugby Football Union (RFU) secretary Tony Hallett said in a statement: "The agreement is within the current International Rugby Board regulations and therefore does not pre-empt the Board's deliberations, but could be amended in the light of decisions taken."

Hallett indicated players would be paid for promotional work rather than directly for appearing in internationals, a ploy to retain the veneer of amateurism in the game.

"They will be under contract to promote the England cause, the England shirt and the game. It is not a loose agreement as it was in previous years. They will be contracted to the sponsors and the Rugby Union," he said.

"But if a player were unfortunate enough to be injured in the early stages of his contract his agreement would be honoured.

"In the same way a player arriving in the squad in mid-season would be rewarded pro-rata for his promotional work."

The company behind the sponsorship was not named.

Robinson makes Northants pay for dropped catch

LONDON (Reuter) – Nottinghamshire skipper Tim Robinson made county championship contenders Northamptonshire pay dearly for dropping him when he had scored three by compiling an unbeaten 204 yesterday.

Robinson, dropped by Rob Bailey at second slip off Kevin Curran, went on to post his seventh century of the season while storming past the 1,500-run mark on the opening day of the match at Northampton.

He put on 285 with Graeme Archer (93) for the second wicket as Notts romped to 353 for one.

Northants ended the day without a single bonus point as they looked to keep pace with title rivals Middlesex and Warwickshire, who both enjoyed successful days.

Mark Ramprakash scored a chanceless unbeaten 141 – his fifth century in his last seven matches and sixth in the championship this season – for leaders Middlesex who reached 346 for four against Yorkshire at Headingley.

Roger Twose was another unbeaten century maker as defending champions Warwickshire amassed 403 for six against Worcestershire at Edgbaston.

Opener Twose, dropped on 60 and 73, had reached 179 by the close.

Acting Lancashire captain Wasim Akram produced a devastating burst of bowling to wreck Hampshire at Portsmouth, taking a season's best seven for 52. The hosts were dismissed for just 154.

Lancashire replied with 172 for four by the close.

BBC Pakistan correspondents attacked in Islamabad bureau

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) – Attackers armed with a crude bomb and clubs stormed the BBC office here yesterday and beat two correspondents.

The assailants smashed furniture and shouted slogans in favor of a militant Sunni Moslem group.

"They were ferocious, smashing everything in the office. No one dared stop them," said Zafar Abbas, the BBC's Urdu-language correspondent in Pakistan.

No one was seriously hurt in the attack.

Daniel Lak, the chief BBC correspondent in Pakistan, grabbed his five-year-old daughter Kate and hid in a nearby room, but not before he was beaten and warned: "Don't try to stop us, we have guns."

Lak's family lives on the BBC premises. His wife, Rosemary Parker, grabbed their 20-month-old son, Robert, and jumped several meters off an upstairs balcony and fled to a neighbor's house.

Among the debris from the attack that was strewn on the cement driveway was the charred remains of a baby carriage, its metal frame twisted and blackened.

Cars, televisions, and computers were smashed and papers were scattered throughout the office.

So far no one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

However, Abbas said the attackers shouted slogans against Pakistan's Shi'ite minority, calling them non-Moslems.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto condemned the attack and in a statement from Kazakhstan, where she is on an official visit, said: "Those who indulged in this dastardly act ... deserve the severest punishment for this shameful act."

The only threat to the BBC office came about two weeks ago, when Zia-ur-Rehman Faruki, a leader of a militant Sunni group, vowed to hold demonstrations outside the BBC office.

At the time, Faruki said the demonstrations were to protest against a 15-minute BBC film about his group, the Sipah-e-Sahabah Pakistan or Soldiers of the Friends of the Prophet.

His group has been blamed for dozens of attacks against Shi'ites and regularly condemns Shi'ites as non-Moslems.

The BBC documentary, one in a series of BBC programs by its correspondents, largely features Azim Tarik, leader of Sipah-e-Sahabah Pakistan and a member of Pakistan's National Assembly, the powerful lawmaking lower house of Parliament.

Tarik is currently in jail on charges of inciting sectarian violence.

Pakistan's Sunni and Shi'ite Moslems have gotten along for decades, but in recent years militants belonging to both sects have clashed.

The men who attacked the BBC office raised slogans in favor of Tarik, as well as slogans saying: "Down with BBC" and "Death to Shi'ites."

Lak and Abbas said they were in the BBC office when they heard a loud explosion.

Lak grabbed a chair and tried to force the attackers out of the house.

"My 5-year-old daughter was watching all this, but that didn't seem to matter to them," he said.

Abbas pushed through the attackers to get assistance from nearby security guards. He was beaten with clubs before escaping over a fence.

Van Almsick all smiles again after gold swims at world championships

VIENNA (Reuter) – The tears were gone and the million-dollar smile was back on Franziska van Almsick's adolescent face yesterday Thursday after she won two more gold medals at the European swimming championships.

A day after making a disastrous miscalculation in a heat and failing to qualify for the finals in her favourite event – the 200 meters freestyle – van Almsick won gold in the 400 meters freestyle and 4x100 meters freestyle relay.

With her third and fourth titles of the championships, van Almsick also became the most successful woman's swimmer in the history of the European championships. She won six gold medals at the 1993 championships in Sheffield, England.

But the 17-year-old world champion and national heroine in her native Germany was more pleased with the times she swam on Thursday at Vienna's outdoor Stadionbad swimming pool than the colour of the medal hanging around her neck.

She hinted that the debacle in Wednesday's 200 meters freestyle – where she finished ninth overall in the heats to just miss qualifying for the eight-lane finals – may have somehow freed her from the enormous expectations mounting on her young shoulders.

"I think the tension and nervousness and the whole thing with the media all built up," van Almsick said, sitting barefoot at a post-race news conference and sounding infinitely more relaxed than earlier this week.

"I was getting very emotional and it was simply too much. The knot was broken," she added. "I was completely devastated after the heat race. At first I didn't even want to swim the B race final. I though 'oh no, not ninth again'."

A year ago at the world championships in Rome van Almsick also finished ninth in the heats for the 200 meters but gained a spot in the final, which she won in world record time, after a team mate stepped aside.

"There's a simple explanation: it was an extremely stupid thing to do, to be the favourite and then do something as foolish as not qualify for the finals. It was a very stupid mistake on my part," she said.

Van Almsick, whose face remains the most photographed in the German media despite sprouting pimples, said she was glad she decided to swim the B final and claims swimming a good time in the event was more important than a gold medal.

"I don't view it as having lost my favourite distance," van Almsick said. "I didn't win the title but I did what I wanted to do – swim a good time. It was a very good feeling. It isn't easy to give up the European championship. But I swam a super time in the B final."

Indeed van Almsick's one minute 57.71 seconds was nearly three seconds faster than Kerstin Kielgass's gold medal-winning time in the A final.

Kielgass said she wasn't bothered that van Almsick swam a faster time than hers, but said she was hurt so many people asked her before the final if she would let van Almsick swim in her place – as team mate Dagmar Hase had done in a controversial gesture in Rome.

"Many people came up to me and asked if I was going to step aside – I was a bit disappointed by that," Kielgass said.

German coaches had ruled such a move out this year because the 200 meters was Kielgass's strongest event while it was secondary for Olympic 400 freestyle champion Hase last year.

"Naturally I knew she (van Almsick) was stronger than I am," Kielgass said.



Germany's Franziska van Almsick (right) watches with teammate Simone Osygus as a third team member, Daniela Hunger (not pictured) secures victory in the 4×100 meter relay. (AP)

Mark Fuhrman: From Simpson trial star witness to pariah

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A summer ago, Mark Fuhrman was basking in the spotlight of the O.J. Simpson murder case. Prosecutors made the detective their star witness. Women around the country wanted his phone number.

This summer, the just-retired Fuhrman doesn't seem to have a friend.

Simpson's lawyers have cast him as a lying, racist thug, using Fuhrman's own tape-recorded words to a North Carolina screenwriter to support their theory that police may have conspired to plant evidence against their client, a former American football hero who is black.

The Los Angeles Police Commission is investigating Fuhrman. Police Chief Willie Williams says the Fuhrman matter is demoralizing his department.

Under a cloud of perjury accusations, he has hired a defense attorney who says Fuhrman may invoke his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination if called back to the stand.

And what of the prosecutors who made Fuhrman a star? Theirs is the greatest dilemma of all, according to legal experts. They are stuck with Fuhrman's testimony — or are they?

"If the tapes are as they have been portrayed ... the prosecution can't rehabilitate him," says University of Southern California law professor Erwin Chemerinsky. "What the prosecution then has to do is distance themselves from him so that his taint doesn't affect their case."

The Fuhrman tapes, in which the detective spews racial slurs and advocates police brutality, were recently uncovered by the defense in a bonanza for Simpson's case.

Laura Hart McKinny recorded them over a 10-year period in which she was interviewing police officers for a documentary on the Los Angeles force.

The defense wants to use the tapes to discredit Fuhrman, the detective who testified that he found the bloody glove on Simpson's property.

It was at a preliminary hearing in July 1994 that Fuhrman mesmerized the nation with his tale of scaling the wall to the estate and discovering the glove on a leaf-strewn path behind the guest house.

"My heart started pounding and I realized what I had probably found," Fuhrman said. Authorities contend the dark, right-handed leather glove is the mate of the left-handed glove found near the slashed bodies of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman outside Ms. Simpson's condominium.

The tall, handsome detective whose personnel file was filled with praise for his appearance but also troubling reports of instability was flooded with romantic overtures. Flowers arrived at the courthouse for him.

A tabloid dubbed him "the hunkiest new star of the Los Angeles Police Department."

Those glory days were short-lived. Reports of racism and misogyny surfaced in the media, and the defense quickly targeted Fuhrman as a central figure in their conspiracy theory. Lawyers contended he planted the glove — and possibly other evidence — out of hatred for interracial couples and a desire to play a starring role in the Simpson case.

Simpson, who is black, is charged with the June 12, 1994, knife murders of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, who were both white. He has pleaded innocent.

Now there is talk of a possible perjury indictment against Fuhrman.

District Attorney Gil Garcetti, arriving at the courthouse Thursday, refused to discuss Fuhrman, saying the prosecution's position on the detective will become clear in court. Garcetti said a five- to 10-day rebuttal can be expected from prosecutors after the tapes are played and the defense rests.

Judge Lance Ito has yet to decide whether jurors will hear any of the tapes. But experts believe that, at a minimum, he will allow portions related to Fuhrman's use of the word "nigger." Fuhrman had denied under oath that he used the slur in the past 10 years.

Germany demands extradition of Nazi from Argentina

BONN (AP) – A day after an Argentine court ruled against delivering former SS officer Erich Priebke to Italy, Germany yesterday requested his extradition.

Priebke, 82, was arrested in June 1994, after admitting to taking part in the 1944 massacre of 335 Italian civilians in the Ardeatine Caves outside Rome.

He maintains he was simply obeying Adolf Hitler's orders that 10 people be executed for each of 32 German soldiers killed in a partisan bombing.

Italy, which sought Priebke's extradition in June 1994, is trying him in absentia.

Priebke's lawyer, Pedro Bianchi, said the extradition was rejected Wednesday because of Argentina's 15-year statute of limitations for homicides.

The prosecution said it would file an appeal with the Supreme Court.

The German request came from a court in Dortmund and was sent to Argentina by courier. Until Wednesday's court ruling, Germany had not considered the case urgent since Priebke was being tried in Italy, the Justice Ministry said.

Priebke has been under house arrest in Bariloche, 1,760 km southwest of Buenos Aires, where he has lived since he came to Argentina after the war.

Reeling Yanks get swept by Oakland

OAKLAND (AP) – Steve Wojciechowski, making his sixth major league start, allowed four hits in 5⅓ innings as the Athletics defeated the New York Yankees on Wednesday to complete a three-game sweep.

Brent Gates, who extended his hitting streak to a career-high 13 games with two singles, and Eric Helfand had RBI singles in the fourth for the Athletics.

Wade Boggs had a pinch-hit RBI single in the sixth, his 2,500th career hit, for the New York run.

Oakland, which has won four straight to match its season high, swept its third series of the season. The Yankees, who matched their season worst with five losses in a row, have dropped 11 of 15 and have been swept four times this year.

Dennis Eckersley pitched the ninth for his 24th save.

Jack McDowell (11-9) walked a career-high eight and allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings. McDowell, who leads the American League with 172⅔ innings pitched, had won his previous three starts.

Red Sox 6, Angels 5

Jose Canseco hit a two-run home run and Mike Greenwell tripled in the winning run in the 10th inning as Boston completed a three-game road sweep.

Greenwell lined a 1-2 pitch into the rightfield corner off losing pitcher Lee Smith (0-5), who had not allowed a run in his previous 10 outings. Greenwell's triple followed a leadoff single by Tim Naehring.

Tigers 7, White Sox 5

Lou Whitaker's three-run pinch homer in the bottom of the ninth inning lifted the Tigers and prevented a three-game sweep.

Roberto Hernandez (2-6), who started the ninth inning seeking his 22nd save, blew a save for the ninth time this season. Felipe Lira (8-8) relieved starter Sean Bergman with no outs in the eighth inning. He went the rest of the way for the win, allowing one hit and striking out two.

Rangers 9, Twins 1

Juan Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez homered and Bobby Witt scattered nine hits as the Rangers rolled to a home victory.

Rookie Jose Parra (1-2) took the loss for the Twins, giving up nine hits, two of them homers, and eight runs in four-plus innings.

Indians 6, Blue Jays 5

Albert Belle's homer triggered a three-run top of the sixth inning.

Belle sent Giovanni Carrara's first pitch in the sixth over the wall in left, his 29th of the season, closing Toronto's lead to 5-4.

The Indians loaded the bases off Carrara (1-3) with a pair of walks and a single. Kenny Lofton's fielder's-choice grounder drove in the tying run and the Indians scored the winner on a wild pitch by reliever Jim Thome.

Orioles 7, Mariners 1

Rookie left-hander Rick Krivda pitched six strong innings and Rafael Palmeiro hit his 28th home run as Baltimore won out west.

Krivda (2-2), making his seventh major league start, gave up an RBI single to Edgar Martinez, the AL's leading hitter, in the first inning, but otherwise dominated the Mariners. Seattle had eight hits off Krivda, who struck out a career-best nine and walked two.

Armando Benitez pitched the final three innings for his second save of the season.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Giants 3, Mets 2

Terry Mulholland, helped by a controversial home-run call with one out left, hung on to end his nine-game losing streak as San Francisco Giants won at Shea.

The Giants, ahead on Deion Sanders' leadoff homer and Barry Bonds' two-run double, took a one-run lead into the ninth inning.

Mulholland (3-10) had retired 15 straight batters, and not allowed a hit since the second, when he got two strikes on Chris Jones with two outs.

Jones then hit an opposite-field drive to right, and had already gone into his home-run trot as first base coach Frank Howard applauded what he thought was the tying hit.

First base umpire Gary Darling, however, ruled it a foul ball, setting off a long and loud argument by Mets manager Dallas Green. Television replays seemed to show the ball deflected off the foul pole, which would have made it a home run.

Green threw his hat, and had to be restrained by umpire Frank Pulli as he tried repeatedly to get at Darling. The dispute prompted many fans to throw debris on the field, although the game was not stopped because of the littering.

Cubs 10, Marlins 2

Sammy Sosa hit two of host Chicago's five homers – giving him six in six games.

Sosa's 25th and 26th homers came in the first and third off David Weathers (3-5). Scott Servais and Jose Hernandez also hit back-to-back homers in the fourth off Weathers, who had allowed only four homers all season entering the game.

Phillies 12, Padres 8

Jim Eisenreich hit a pinch-hit grand slam and pitcher Tyler Green added a three-run homer for host Philadelphia.

The victory went to Mike Williams (1-2), who allowed four hits and two runs in 3⅓ innings. Padres starter Glenn Dishman (4-6) took the loss, allowing nine runs and seven hits in 4⅓ innings.

Dodgers 5, Expos 0

Mike Piazza hit his fourth homer in three games and Ramon Martinez threw a five-hitter as the Dodgers recorded their first sweep on the Expos' home turf since 1980.

The Dodgers, who dropped four straight to start their 11-game road trip, hit eight homers and collected 35 hits in the three-game series.

Martinez (13-8) threw his third complete game and second shutout. He didn't allow a hit after the third, retiring 16 of the last 19 batters.

Braves 6, Astros 2

Kent Mercker held host Houston to two hits over seven innings and Javier Lopez drove in the go-ahead run with a fifth-inning single.

The Braves swept the three-game series and handed Houston its seventh straight loss and 14th in 17 games.

Mercker (7-8) allowed two hits in the second when James Mouton tripled and scored on Ricky Gutierrez's single. He allowed only three more baserunners, all on walks, and struck out four.

Lopez and Jeff Blauser each went 3-for-5 and Lopez also had an RBI single in the eighth.

WEDNESDAY'S AL RESULTS: Oakland 2, New York 1; Detroit 7, Chicago 5; Cleveland 6, Toronto 5; Texas 9, Minnesota 1; Baltimore 7, Seattle 1; Boston 6, California 5 (10).

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	66	41	.624	–
New York	63	55	.491	14.5
Baltimore	51	58	.468	17
Toronto	47	61	.435	20.5
Detroit	46	63	.422	22
Central Division				
Cleveland	73	35	.676	–
Milwaukee	54	54	.500	19
Kansas City	51	55	.481	21
Chicago	46	61	.430	26.5
Minnesota	39	68	.364	33.5
West Division				
California	68	44	.607	–
Texas	58	51	.532	7.5
Seattle	54	55	.495	11.5
Oakland	53	58	.477	13.5

WEDNESDAY'S NL RESULTS: San Francisco 3, New York 2; Chicago 10, Florida 2; Los Angeles 5, Montreal 0; Philadelphia 12, San Diego 8; Atlanta 6, Houston 2; Cincinnati 3, St. Louis 1; Colorado 9, Pittsburgh 5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	69	39	.639	–
Philadelphia	56	54	.509	14
Montreal	52	57	.477	17.5
Florida	47	59	.443	21
New York	46	62	.426	23
Central Division				
Cincinnati	67	40	.626	–
Houston	57	52	.523	11
Chicago	54	54	.500	13.5
Pittsburgh	47	61	.435	20.5
St. Louis	44	65	.404	24
West Division				
Los Angeles	59	51	.536	–
Colorado	57	52	.523	1.5
San Diego	54	54	.500	4
San Francisco	50	59	.459	8.5

Mac. Haifa advance despite 3-2 loss to Klakksvikar

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MACCABI Haifa advanced to the next round of the European Cup Winners Cup despite suffering a 3-2 deafeat by Klakksvikar Itrottarfelag in Toftir, Faroe Islands last night. Haifa won 6-3 on aggregate.

The visitors' advancement was effectively secured after their 4-0 first leg victory over the Faroe Islanders at Kiryat Eliezer two weeks ago.

Haifa were first to take the lead when Haim Revivo struck in the 31st minute, but then a hattrick by Olgar Danielsen in the 53rd, 63rd, 70th minutes gave the home side, who are amateurs, a comfortable cushion.

Ofer Shitrit pulled back a goal for Haifa six minutes from the end as the paltry crowd of 295 realized that their side had no chance of overhauling the visitors' aggregate score. Klakksvikar would have had to win 5-0 to have advanced at Haifa's expense.

Elsewhere in the Cup Winners' Cup last night, Czech international striker Petr Samec scored a first half hat-trick and added a fourth after the break as Hradec Kralove crushed Liechtenstein's FC Vaduz 9-1.

The Czech side, without a win in four league matches this season, won the preliminary round tie 14-1 on aggregate.

Samec began his scoring spree in the fourth minute, adding a second five minutes later.

He completed his hat-trick on the half hour and his fourth came eight minutes into the second half.

Jurg Ritter's 27th minute goal was scant consolation for Vaduz.

Brazil to play Libya in friendly

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuter) – World champions Brazil are to play Libya away in a soccer friendly next month, a Brazilian Football Confederation official said on Thursday.

The two countries, who have never met before, will play in Tripoli on September 6.

Brazil coach Mario Zagalo has already decided to recall striker Bebeto, who has not played since FIFA, soccer's world governing body, ruled in favour of his Spanish club Deportivo La Coruna when he was wanted by both them and Brazil in June, for the match.

Left back Roberto Carlos, who recently joined Italian club side Internazionale from Palmeiras, has also been picked. The rest of the squad will be named next week.

Late strikes by Ambrose rock England

LONDON (Reuter) – Curtly Ambrose undid much England's earlier good work with a double strike in successive balls as West Indies gained a slight edge on the first day of the sixth and deciding test at The Oval yesterday.

After a shaky start, which saw England reduced to 60 for two after winning the toss, Graham Thorpe and John Crawley resolutely batted them back on to at least level terms.

Then Crawley fell for 50 to the first ball he faced after tea and Ambrose removed Thorpe for 74 and test debutant Alan Wells first ball to swing the advantage very much West Indies way.

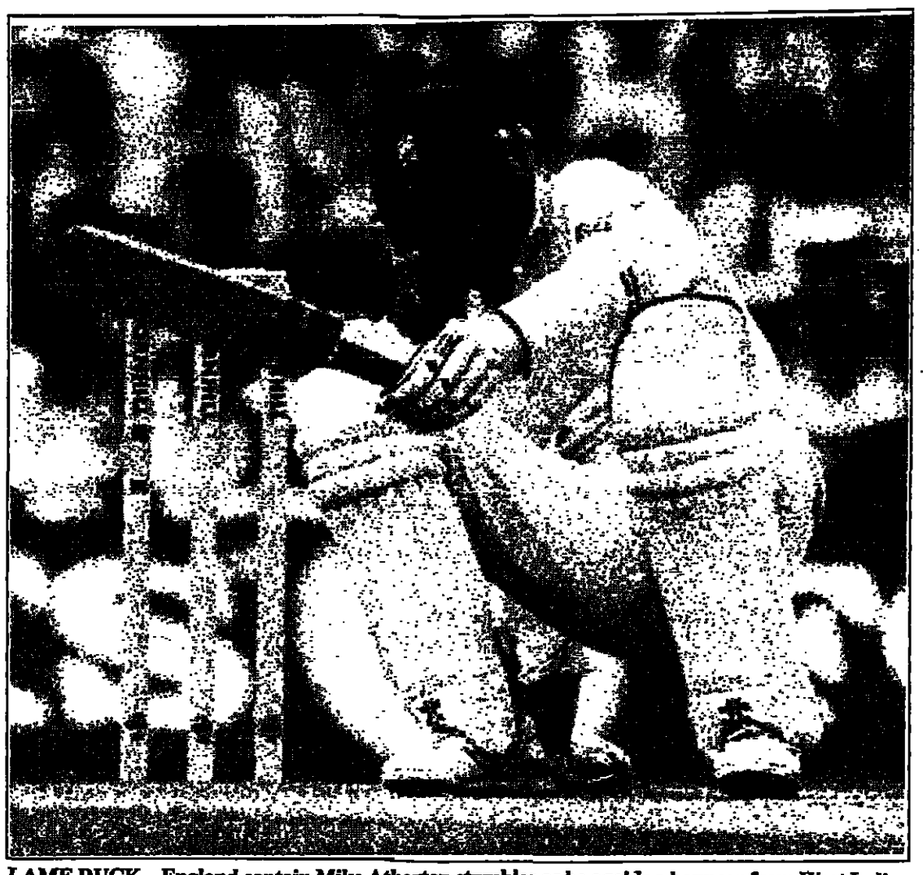
It was left to Graeme Hick, century-maker in the previous Test, to shore up the innings which he did with some style to reach 43 by the close when England were 233 for five.

He was aided by a dogged innings of nine not out by Jack Russell as the pair added 41 for the sixth wicket.

It was also Ambrose who had rocked England soon after the start by dismissing Jason Gallian for nought.

Gallian, replacing the injured Nick Knight, fell to the eighth ball he faced, playing a loose stroke outside the off-stump to give Hooper a catch at first slip.

Captain Mike Atherton cautiously batted England in to calmer waters and looked to be well established when Kenny Benjamin produced a fine delivery which reared sharply and had him caught high at second slip by Stuart Williams for 36.



LAME DUCK – England captain Mike Atherton stumbles as he avoids a bouncer from West Indies fast bowler Ian Bishop at the Oval yesterday. (Reuter)

Once again it was Thorpe who came to England's rescue and mixing resolute defence with some fine drives he aided Crawley to rebuild England's innings.

Crawley, needing a good score to make sure of his selection on England's forthcoming tour to South Africa, also played some fine shots as the pair took the score to 148 for two by tea.

But immediately after the interval Crawley played an uppish drive to a ball from off-spinner Carl Hooper and was well caught by Richie Richardson diving forward in the covers.

Left-hander Thorpe, who has been England's most reliable batsman throughout the series, looked to be heading for a well-deserved century but then had the thinnest of edges to be caught by wicketkeeper Courtney Browne off Ambrose.

Wells, finally entering Test cricket at the age of 33, had the worst possible start.

A fired-up Ambrose sent down a vicious delivery which kicked from just short of a length and speared into the batsman who managed only to fend it into the hands of Sherwin Campbell at short leg.

At 192 for five England were in danger of collapse, but Hick, looking more assured than usual, played some confident strokes, taking three boundaries off Hooper and two off fast bowler Ian Bishop.

It was a fittingly fascinating first day of the final Test in what has been an enthralling series.

England first innings

M.Atherton c Williams b Benjamin	36
J.Gallian c Hooper b Ambrose	0
J.Crawley c Richardson b Hooper	50
G.Thorpe c Browne b Ambrose	74
G.Hick not out	43
A.Wells c Campbell b Ambrose	0
J.Russell not out	9
Extras (b-6 lb-5 nb-10)	21
Total (for five wickets)	233

Fall of wickets: 1-9 2-60 3-149 4-192 5-192.
To bat: M.Watkinson, D.Cork, A.Fraser, D.Malcolm
Bowling (to date): Ambrose 23-6-52-3, Walsh 17-4-37-0, Benjamin 15-4-46-1, Bishop 18-4-53-0, Hooper 16-7-34-1.
West Indies: R.Richardson, S.Campbell, S.Williams, B.Lara, C.Hooper, S.Chanderpaul, C.Browne, I.Bishop, K.Benjamin, C.Ambrose, C.Walsh.

Tough openers for Graf, Agassi at US Open

NEW YORK (Reuter) – Top seeds Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf could be tested right out of the gate after drawing potentially dangerous first-round opponents yesterday for the US Open Tennis Championships starting Monday.

World No. 1 Agassi begins defence of his title against fellow-American Bryan Shelton, who picked off Germany's Michael Stich earlier this year at Wimbledon.

Three-time Open champion Graf takes a remarkable 32-1 match record into the year's final Grand Slam. Ironically, however, from 112 potential opponents, the French Open and Wimbledon champion drew South African Amanda Coetzer, the player who handed Graf her lone defeat last week in Toronto.

Israel's Anna Smashnova, who is unseeded, has drawn a qualifier in the first round, victory in that match would set up a possible clash with world No. 1 Steffi Graf.

Returning superstar Monica Seles, coming off a sensational tournament triumph in Toronto, plays her first Grand Slam match since the 1993 Australian Open final next week with her first victim, Romanian Ruxandra Dragomir.

Twice champion and men's second seed Pete Sampras has a first-round date with Brazilian left-hander Fernando Meligeni before an opportunity for sweet revenge in the second round.

The second-ranked American's likely second-round opponent will be Peruvian Jaime Yzaga, who stunned Sampras in the fourth round last year with a five-set upset.

Agassi looks likely to run into the most dangerous of dangerous floaters in the third round in two-time champion Stefan Edberg, whose erratic form of late has dropped him to 20th in the world.

But with a couple of wins under his belt and the excitement of a major tournament, Edberg could rise to the occasion against Agassi in the most intriguing of the early-round match-ups.

Agassi, who takes a 20-match winning streak into the tournament, could also have a serious fourth-round test from 16th-seeded Ukrainian Andrei Medvedev before a potential quarter-final with Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov, who beat Agassi at the French Open this year.

The seventh-seeded Kafelnikov opens against volatile American Jeff Tarango, which should keep the Californian from earning enough money to pay off the record fines from his outrageous Wimbledon behaviour.

If form holds, which is rare on the men's side, Agassi would meet fourth seed Boris Becker in the semifinals in a rematch of their Wimbledon semifinal.

Becker, the 1989 Open winner and three-time Wimbledon champion, plays Spaniard Alex Lopez Moron in the first round.

The German finds himself in the same quarter of the draw as 13th seed Marc Rosset of Switzerland and unpredictable Croat Goran Ivanisevic.

The sixth-seeded Ivanisevic, who has a history of poor results at the Open, should at least be relieved to find himself in the opposite half of the draw from ninth-seeded Swede Thomas Enqvist, who has beaten the Croatian four straight times this summer.

Sampras has a likely fourth-round date with 15th-seeded compatriot Todd Martin, a semifinalist last year. His potential quarter-final opponents include rising star Enqvist and eighth-seed Stich, who could meet in the fourth round in a rematch of the recent Los Angeles final won by Stich.

Third-seeded French Open champion Thomas Muster of Austria meets crazy American Luke Jensen in the first round.

But Muster, the world's best clay court player, will have a most difficult time surviving his quarter of the draw, which includes 14th seed Jim Courier, big-serving Dutchman Richard Kracijek, seeded 12, and the always dangerous Michael Chang.

The fifth-seeded Chang has made a habit the last four years of only losing to the tournament's eventual winner, which may bode well for Sampras who could well face Chang in the semifinals.

On the women's side, Graf finds herself in the much tougher half of the draw than second seed Seles.

Included in Graf's half are Australian Open champion Mary Pierce, defending champion Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and 1990 winner Gabriela Sabatini.

The third-seeded Sanchez begins her title defence against Romanian Catalina Cristea.

Soccer action kicks off

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THE clash between Hapoel Tel Aviv and Hapoel Beersheba is the central fixture of the weekend's opening round of National League action, which gets under way tomorrow.

The match at Bloomfield begins at 7 p.m. and will kick off Channel 2's live broadcasts of the new National League season.

In other interesting matches, Betar Jerusalem hosts Hapoel Haifa at Teddy Stadium at 5:30 p.m., while Maccabi Tel Aviv returns to Bloomfield, the scene of Wednesday's downfall against Grasshoppers of Zurich, where they are away to Betar Tel Aviv.

Maccabi Haifa's clash against newly-promoted Maccabi Jaffa has been postponed to next Monday, as Haifa is currently making its way back home from the Faroe Islands.

Weekend National League fixtures all matches tomorrow at 5 p.m. unless stated: Mac. Herzliya v. Ironi Rishon Lezion, Herzliya; Hap. Tel Aviv v. Hap. Beersheba, Bloomfield 7 p.m.; Zafririm Holon v. Mac. Petah Tikva, Holon; Hap. Petah Tikva v. Hap. Kfar Sava, Petah Tikva; Bet. Jerusalem v. Hap. Haifa, Teddy, 5:30 p.m.; Hap. Beit She'an v. Bnei Yehuda, Beit She'an, 4:30 p.m.; Bet. Tel Aviv v. Mac. Tel Aviv, Bloomfield.

Chinese swimmer strikes gold at World Student Games

FUKUOKA, Japan (Reuter) – China took a small step back to respectability from its drug-tainted past in world swimming yesterday by winning a gold medal on the first day of competition at the World Student Games.

But in a sign of how doping scandals have disrupted the once-conquering Chinese swimmers, it was the Japanese hosts andAmericans who ruled the pool.

Japan also upset China in the men's gymnastics team final to end the first day of the 12-day event at the top of the medals table, winning five of the 11 gold medals that were at stake in swimming, judo and gymnastics.

Japan had finished seventh on the medals table at the last games in 1993 in the U.S. city of Buffalo.

China's sole gold medal was won by world champion Liu Limin who easily took the 100 metres women's butterfly.

Liu immediately proclaimed the win a sign that with the Atlanta Olympics looming in a year's time, Chinese swimmers were on the comeback trail from the disgrace they suffered when seven of them were disqualified for drug-taking in the 1994 Asian Games in Hiroshima.

"We had setbacks last year, and we have come back," Liu said after her race.

The 19-year-old swimmer, winner of the 100 and 200 metres butterfly at last year's world championships, took the lead after just 25 metres to win in a time of 59.74 seconds, followed by American Karen Campbell in 1:00.50.

"My successs here proves that Chinese swimmers are not going to be defeated by all of the rumours that they were all on drugs during the Asian Games," she said.

During the Asian Games seven Chinese swimmers, including world champions Liu Bin and Yang Aihua, tested positive for the banned anabolic steroid.

The 12-day World Student Games is the first major event for Chinese swimmers since then as they were not invited to the Pan Pacific championships in Atlanta earlier this month, apparently due to allegations of drug abuse "Those who were banned because of the doping problem are still working hard and are not discouraged by the ban," Liu said. "After two years, I am sure they will again appear in international competition and do well."

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But Liu's medal was the only one for China in Thursday's six swimming finals.

The next best finish was by Wang Yiwu, the Asian Games gold and silver medalist, who could only manage fourth in the men's 200 metres breaststroke.

Japan's swimming gold medallists were Fumie Kurotori in the 400 metres individual medley and Tamako Kihara in the women's 800 metres freestyle.

The other swimming golds went to the Americans who won the women's 200 metres freestyle relay, France's Yann Defabrique who won the men's 200 metres freestyle and Russia's Alexandre Tkatchev who took the men's 200m breaststroke.

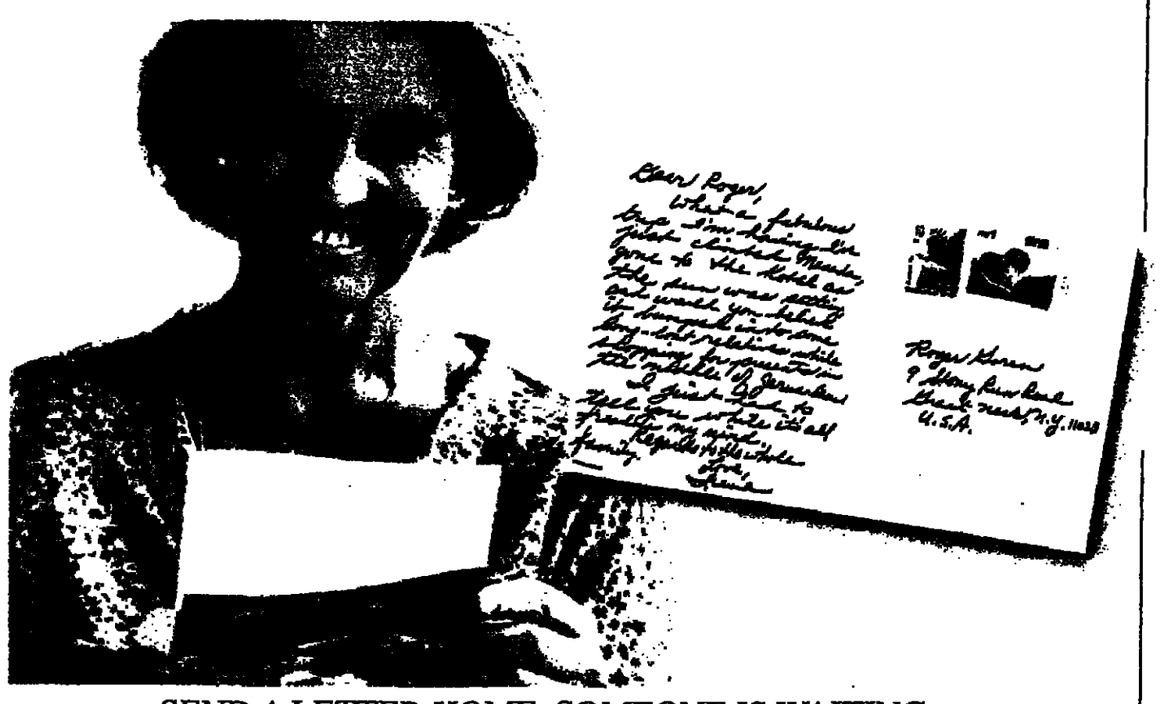
In Judo, Japan's Yoshiharu Makishi beat Mitar Milinkovic of Yugoslavia by ippon to take gold in the men's over 95kg class, while compatriot Saki Yoshida won the women's under 72 kg class.

Iouri Stepkine of Russia and Cuba's Guisado Beltran won the men's gymnastics under 95-kg and women's over 72-kg titles, respectively.

In the day's biggest upset Japan took the men's gymnastics team title with a score of 169.975 points, edging China and Russia by 0.125 and 0.425 points respectively.

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Brothers in medals

A best-ever result for Ran and Nir Shantal meant the bronze medal and a place in the Atlanta Olympics after they finished third in the world championships in the 470-Olympic class in Toronto.

Thorn in their side, however, is the young duo of Eli Zukerman (21) and Saar Bar (20) who travelled under their own steam to Canada and ended in 11th place, eighth among the countries. This means that they also cleared the Olympic hurdle. The Israeli rules say the ticket will be given to the duo winning the best of four sailing meets, two to be held next year but the Chantals coach, Eitan Friedlander says, "This result has to be enough already."

Kayaking woes

KAYAKERS Lior Carmi and Nevo Eitan's hopes of qualifying for Atlanta for the Olympics now hang on next month's European championships in Spain after they both blew their chances in the world championsips held in Germany.

Carmi, who already has the Israeli OK for Atlanta, did not make the semi-final in the 500 meters while Eitan reached the semifinal in the 1,000 meters but paddled only to fourth place.

Rabin's sporting life

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin's sporting ties are not restricted to the leisurely Saturday morning game of tennis. On the 16th of next month he will crown the sportsperson of the year at a festive gathering which will usher in both the upcoming year and the new winds blowing through the Israel Sports Federation under the motto, "Achievements and Excellence – the ISF."

Meanwhile, smitten by the new year jollities, Rabin dipped into the budget and agreed on NIS 1m grant for the ISF. This is on top of the NIS 5.8m bonus that Micha Goldman gave to supplement the regular NIS 7m budget.

Manners maketh man

BORED with the game? Then read your "how-to" book.

This season's fans will be better educated than most after Deputy Minister of Culture, Education and Sport Micha Goldman, together with the Sports Betting Board and soccer and basketball federations decided to distribute a brochure designed to prevent violent outbursts at games and how to look after stadia.

Vadim in the swim

Vadim Alexsev clocked a new Israeli record in the heats of the European Championships in Vienna, swimming the 100 meter breastroke in one minute. 2.52 seconds. In the final, he managed 1:02.54, ending in seventh place.

A golden heart

A gold medal of a different sort was won by Momo Givoni in the World Heart Transplant Championships in Manchester, when he took first place in the 400 meter freestyle event. Givoni didn't stop beating then, adding the 100 meter breastroke and 50 meter freestyle bronze medals.

Tennis history

Hammering another nail in Amos Mansdorf's tennis coffin, Eyal Ran crept past him this week to become Israel's No. 1 player with a ranking of 199. Mansdorf is still holding on, at number 207.

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1995-96 Soccer season preview

MACCABI TEL AVIV

Coach: Dror Kashtan.
Home ground: Bloomfield, capacity: 20,000.
Team colors: yellow and blue.

THE champions looked to have the world at their feet, but threw away the chance to qualify for the European Champions' league.

New coach Dror Kashtan will be looking to put last season's disappointment at Hapoel Haifa behind him and embark afresh with a tried and tested squad, whose major addition this season, Belarussian Yevgeny Kashentsev, already looks like being a star of the future.

Add to that the experience of Eli Driks, national team captain Nir Klinger and goalkeeper Alexander Obarov, the youth of Alon and Gadi Brumer and Amir Shelah and the money of tycoon David Federmann and this club will be pretty hard to keep at bay.

MACCABI HAIFA

Manager: Giora Spiegel.
Coaches: Avraham Abu-Karat, Andrei Bal..
Home ground: Kiryat Eliezer, capacity: 18,000.
Team colors: green and white.

THE State Cup holders had a disappointing season last time around, with lapses against lower class teams which eventually lost them the championship, despite some brilliant displays, particularly by Haim Revivo.

Part of the problem was upfront where imported strikers Vasily Kardas and Wilfred Mugaye too often looked unequal to the task of getting the ball into the net. This season Giora Spiegel is taking no chances, returning center forward Alon Mizrahi back to his rightful role as leader of the Greens' attacking line.

The already star-studded Haifa midfield is strengthened by the arrival of Uruguayan international Edgardo Adinolfi who will further increase competition for places in the starting lineup.

HAPOEL BEERSHEBA

Manager: Viko Hadad.
Home ground: Beersheba Municipal Stadium, capacity, 17,000.
Team colors: red, black and white.

THE affable and knowledgeable Viko Hadad returns as coach under new chairman and owner Eli Lahav.

Several old favorites have left the Negev club, but Hadad has refreshed his squad with exciting Latvian signing Armand Zeiberlins in midfield, and defender Andrei Talasnenko, while Sharon Avitan and Shimon Biton have rejoined to help improve on the third place it has held as its own the last two seasons. Sergei Gossayev remains the side's most influential player. Hadad's prime job will be to ensure that the team begins to accrue points in its key meetings against big guns Maccabi Tel Aviv and Maccabi Haifa. If not, they will continue to nurse their reputation as bridesmaid.

HAPOEL TEL AVIV

Manager: Moshe Sinai.
Home ground: Bloomfield Stadium, capacity 18,000.
Team colors: red and white.

THE reds are coming off a disappointing summer in which they were a sure purchase prospect, but will remain, at least for the time being, under the ownership of the Histadrut.

To add insult to injury, their promising UEFA Cup debut ended in a preliminary round knockout by Zimbru Chisinau, which means no potential income from future forays into Europe, at least this time round.

Moshe Sinai lost attacking defender David Amsalem to Betar Jerusalem and Felix Halfon to Hapoel Haifa, and will have to find ways to succeed with the mediocre striking pair of Sagiv Eliyahu and new acquisition from Hapoel Beersheba, Nissim Avitan.

Last season Hapoel surprised even their supporters by finishing fourth and qualifying for the UEFA Cup, and the key to Hapoel's success this season will again be determination and hard work. The midfield can carry the burden, but that would only be good enough for, at best, an upper-midtable position.

HAPOEL PETAH TIKVA

Coach: Guy Levy.
Home ground: Hapoel Petah Tikva Stadium, capacity: 8,500.
Team colors: blue and white.

MIDTABLE Hapoel are still in the throngs of a restructuring period. After letting go of Carmelo Mishish, the man who was their linchpin last season, coach Guy Levy is trying to get him back to lead the young side.

The up-and-coming Petah Tikvans held their own last season and even led the table for a few weeks. The youngsters, who had come through the ranks will be looking to continue their upwardly mobility, but they are still short of a father figure, if Mishish returns, Petah Tikva could cause problems to quite a few clubs this season.

BETAR JERUSALEM

Coach: Eli Cohen.
Home ground: Teddy Stadium, capacity 12,000.
Team colors: yellow and black.

TURMOIL in the most tempestuous club in the league is nothing unusual, and that's the way it has been throughout the summer.

Ronnen Harazi will need another month to recover from his stomach muscle injury, and even then it is not certain he will return to play with Betar. Rumors say that a financial dispute has prompted the talented striker to look for a position abroad.

Other top players have also left, these include goalkeeper Giora Antmann, Vladimir Greshnayev and Meir Melika. Eli Ohana will continue to hold the fort and new Hungarian signing Laszlo Cze, who joins compatriot Istvan Saloi, also looks a good prospect.

HAPOEL ZAFRIRIM HOLON

Manager: Mordechai Spiegler.
Home ground: Holon Municipal Stadium, capacity: 3,500.
Team colors: yellow and black (alternate: white and black).

SPIEGLER took a relegation-doomed team last season and nearly qualified for the UEFA Cup. Zafririm played attractive soccer and may continue doing so.

Another upper-midtable position would satisfy the team which will continue to rely on Shai Holtzman and Hezi Shirazi up front.

MACCABI PETAH TIKVA

Coach: Menashe Nuriel.
Home ground: Hapoel Petah Tikva Stadium, capacity: 8,500.
Team color: white.

AFTER former coach Shiye Feigenbaum came to the rescue and saved Petah Tikva from relegation last season, it is now the turn of Menashe Nuriel to keep the lesser of the two Petah Tikva sides in the top flight. Nuriel is management's man and he will need to pull his charges together for this season as it appears not even the major injection of cash by club patrons, Luzon brothers Ya'akov, Eli and Amos can drastically change Maccabi's fortunes. Ran Ben-Shimon, one of the club's major influences last season, has left for Hapoel Haifa, in his place comes a young star from the north, Nejwan Grayev.

IRONI RISHON LEZION

Coach: Vitali Savchenko.
Home ground: Rishon Municipal Stadium, capacity 6,000.
Team colors: tangerine and white.

LAST year's newcomers to the National League acquitted themselves well, before ending in a slightly disappointing ninth place. New manager Vitali Savchenko, who replaces Eli Cohen, proved he is well able to adapt to local conditions in his single campaign in charge of Hapoel Beersheba.

Rishon – which played in the Third Division four years ago – looks set to continue to blossom under Savchenko, who has purchased Oleg Kochiluk from Hapoel Haifa in order to command from midfield along with Dudu Hefer and Meir Azran. Upfront there is a gap, caused by the loss of East European import Ivan Yeremchuk.

BNEI YEHUDA TEL AVIV

Manager: Ya'acov Grundman.
Home ground: Hatikva Quarter Stadium, capacity 8,000.
Team colors: tangerine and black.

EARLY leaders during the 1994-95 campaign, Bnei Yehuda eventually faded from the title race and even from the battle for entry into Europe, while coach Nissim Bachar left before the season's end, citing "professional differences" with club chairman Gad Sulami.

Veteran Ya'acov Grundman, has been installed at the helm together with assistant coach Rami Levy. Bonny Ginsburg will be keeping goal this season in place of the young Liran Strauber, while upfront, Nir Sevilia has been signed to poach for goals alongside Sergei Gerasimetz.

BETAR TEL-AVIV

Coach: Michael (Lupa) Kadosh.
Home ground: Bloomfield, capacity:18,000.
Team colors: blue and white.

BETAR escaped relegation with a series of victories midway through the second half of last season. This season, budgetary problems and a weakened defense render them a certain relegation candidate.

The additions of Slovak defender Lubomir Pauk and Macabi Haifa reserve goalkeeper Saguy Straus are the squad's only close season signings. Shlomi Amar was brought in on loan from Maccabi Haifa.

Due to renovations at Ramat Gan, this season Betar has moved to Bloomfield, but probably only for some of its matches.

HAPOEL BEIT SHE'AN

Coach: Eli Guttman.
Home ground: Beit She'an Municipal Ground, capacity: 6,000.
Team color: red.

WHOLESALE changes in the northern valleys have brought renewed hope for another bright season. Although Beit She'an avoided relegation by the skin of its teeth. Its general performance last season was far better than the pundits had expected.

Now it is without its longtime coach Elisha Levy who has moved to Maccabi Herzliya. Also gone are Claudio Cahimi, the Argentinian star who took care of goalscoring duties, Daniel Skentei, Willy Vincent and 'keeper Shlomi Maman.

Eli Guttman has taken over after spending part of last season as one of Channel 2's panel of experts. He has brought in new faces in the shape of Hungarians Tibor Salai and Donet Chavankui. Veteran defender Yehuda Amar and young striker Nassim Akbaria are two of the familiar faces left to fight another day.

HAPOEL HAIFA

Coach: Avraham Grant.
Home ground: Kiryat Eliezer, capacity: 18,000.
Team colors: red and white.

RECENT reports have said that Haifa boss Rubie Shapira has already injected some $ 10 million into his club. Last season he had very little to show for his investment, indeed, the club was almost relegated.

This season, with one of Israel's top coaches, Avraham Grant, in charge, there seems little more that Shapira can do to reverse his fortunes – it appears to be 1995-96 or bust.

The crop of star players at Hapoel has been bolstered with the addition of Felix Halfon, Amir Turjeman and Ran Ben-Shimon and should be enough to see any side through the most torrid of matches. But last season, the skills of Tal Banin, Reuven Atar & Co. were not apparent. The big question thus remains: can Grant do it?

MACCABI HERZLIYA

Manager: Elisha Levy.
Home ground: Herzliya Municipal Stadium, capacity: 10,000.
Team colors: yellow and blue.

THE Herzliyans escaped relegation by the skin of their teeth in last season's final match.

Chairman Ronny Klajman is beginning to make his influence felt, and has secured the services of former Hapoel Beit She'an coach Elisha Levy. Levy has brought with him Argentinian import Claudio Cahimi, who proved one of the most effective imports in the local game last season, and the side is strengthened by the purchase of attacker Roman Filipchuk who will partner the effervescent Ofer Mizrahi in the search for goals.

All in all, on paper, the prospects for Herzliya look much brighter this campaign.

HAPOEL KFAR SAVA

Manager: Eli Yani.
Home ground: Kfar Sava Municipal Stadium; capacity: 7,000.
Team colors: green and white.

THE Kfar Savans bounced straight back into the National League after just one season in the Second Division. But the club looks set to have another battle on its hands to survive among the top flight. While boasting some promising young players in midfield – for instance Idan Shum (son of former Kfar Sava star defender Itzhak Shum who is now coach of the national under-21 squad), David Stolper and Avi Tikva (brother of Shalom Tikva) – the defensive unit looks suspect.

The talented Motti Yeverbaum returns from a half-year's injury layoff, and one new player likely to turn heads is 19-year-old goalkeeper Eran Seinzinger, who is tipped to develop into a candidate for the number one jersey at international level.

MACCABI JAFFA

Coach: Shlomo Alcolombra.
Home ground: Gaon Stadium, Jaffa, capacity: 5,000.
Team colors: blue and white.

THE Second Division champions appear to be the most natural candidates for a return to that division, as an unimpressive lineup, coupled by a lack of finances will not help their cause.

Money, which was promised to the club during the crucial summer preparation period, was not forthcoming and this hampered Jaffa's hopes of building a competitive side.

The dearth of cash caused a shakeup at the helm, with Moshe Onana, the coach who led the club to promotion, resigning after not being able to carry out the changes he thought were needed for the new season.

The relatively unknown squad includes veteran Gal Hershlikovitz and Avivi Zohar in midfield and Ofer Reuven, a young striker of whom the club expects much in the coming season.

For Israel, first it's Europe... then the world

DEREK FATTAL

Europe has dominated the headlines recently, with two club sides left to nurture the dream of competing against the continent's greatest clubs and Shlomo Scharf's national squad preparing to renew the fight to qualify from Group 1 in the European Championship.

Experience to date in Europe indicates that Israeli soccer still has a fair way to go before bridging the gap between high hopes and success.

At club club level, Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Tel Aviv, have already seen their European hopes dashed at the first hurdle.

Maccabi's 1-0 defeat by Grasshoppers Zurich at Bloomfield Stadium cost Maccabi's owners around $6 million in revenues they would have received if the side had graduated to the cash-rich Champions' League. David Federmann and company must be left pondering over the wisdom of the sky-high wage deals agreed over the summer with some of the club's top players.

The previous day, Hapoel fell to its doom, as a goaless draw against Moldova's Zimbru Chisinau on the same pitch allowed the visitors to proceed into the next stage of the UEFA Cup.

Maccabi Haifa and Hapoel Beersheba still stand to carry the blue and white flag forward in the Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Cup.

The Haifaites completely overawed Faroe Islanders Klakksvikar Itrottarfelag while Beersheba ended up as 4-0 aggregate winners against SC Tirana of Albania.

The going is likely to get much tougher for both clubs following today's European draws in Geneva.

Given the patchy standard of the domestic league, the national team has fared relatively well in what is clearly one of the most competitive qualifying groups in the European Championship.

With both France and Poland standing two points ahead of the Israelis, and just nine points each left to play for, the national side needs to chalk up three victories from its three remaining matches.

National coach Shlomo Scharf is aiming to come away from Slovakia next month with a win. If the National squad can achive this, and then beat the group's whipping boys Azerbaijan, the France-Israel rematch that marks both sides' final game in the qualifiers, could still determine which side goes to England next summer with Romania.

The group positions are so tight that Slovakia, as well Poland, can still advance to the finals.

Failure for the Israelis in Slovakia will mean an early start for planning for the 1998 World Cup. The qualifying draw for the sport's greatest prize takes place this December.

The signs are that barring any major mishap, the Israel Football Association will renew Scharf's contract next year, enabling him a second opportunity of managing the squad's attempt at World Cup qualification.

European Nations' Championship Qualifying group 1

Israel's results

4.9.94	Israel 2, Poland 1
12.10.94	Israel 2, Slovakia 2
16.11.94	Azerbaijan 0, Israel 2
14.12.94	Israel 1, Romania 1
29.3.95	Israel 0, France 0
25.4.95	Poland 4, Israel 3
7.6.95	Romania 2, Israel 1

Remaining fixtures

6.9.95	(A) Slovakia
11.10.95	(H) Azerbaijan
15.11.95	(A) France

Money will talk as clubs prepare to take the field

ORI LEWIS

WHO will stop the league's big boys?

That is the question which will probably be answered pretty quickly as the new soccer season gets under way tomorrow. The answer, almost certainly, will be "nobody".

Maccabi Tel Aviv and Maccabi Haifa, the sides which have, for the last few seasons, dominated local soccer almost to the exclusion of the rest, look to be in such a strong position, that no other team can threaten them over the duration of a whole season.

It's not difficult to discern what separates the big Macs from the small fry. Money is the name of the game. Just like last season, when Rubie Shapira showed the rest of Israel that it is possible – although perhaps foolhardy – to spend millions on a soccer club, so the trend continues this time around.

Maccabis Tel Aviv and Haifa are the big two in terms of honors held, potential and money in the bank. The two are – for Israeli soccer, at least – ably run by a group of people dedicated to keeping their respective clubs where they are.

The money injected into these two, by Tel Aviv's David Federmann and Haifa's Ya'akov Shahar, combined with the organizational structure of the clubs is almost certainly enough to preserve them as the only real contenders for the new season's top honors,the league and State Cup.

Hapoel Beersheba and Hapoel Haifa are the other two clubs under private ownership. Haifa was rebuilt from scratch last year and ahead of this season, Shapira has carried out major refurbishments, bringing in new players and ditching other who didn't fit the mold. He has also acquired one of the country's top coaches in the shape of Avraham Grant.

That, in itself, was a pretty expensive buy, said to have cost over a million dollars.

Despite all of last pre-season talk about Hapoel Haifa joining in the race for the league title, nothing came of it. Will it be any different this year? Again, on paper all looks rosy, but theories and the real thing are as detached as Hapoel were from their city rivals Maccabi. Only a very brave person would be prepared to predict otherwise this time.

Beersheba are the new privates in the platoon of privately-owned soccer clubs. Purchased by local businessman Eli Lahav at the end of last season, the Negev side has done well by advancing to the next stage of the UEFA Cup, and with Viko Hadad back in command, they will probably manage to keep up with the leaders.

But nevertheless, there are private clubs and there are private clubs. Beersheba, even with all their efforts, simply do not look as if they have the quality or depth of players to be able to seriously challenge the "Big Two."

As for the rest of the field, Betar Jerusalem, Hapoel Tel Aviv and Hapoel Petah Tikva have the tradition behind them, but they probably no longer have the financial muscle needed to stay in the hunt.

Serious upsets usually come when they are least expected, one would therefore have to plump for Hapoel Kfar Sava, Betar Tel Aviv or Hapoel Beit She'an to be among those who may cause an upset every now and again.

But if wealth is the be-all and poverty the end-all of Israeli soccer, then the script for the season looks pretty much to have been written already: Maccabi Haifa or Maccabi Tel Aviv to challenge for top honors, Maccabi Jaffa and Hapoel Beit She'an the most likely to be relegated.

1994-95 season honors

Champions (European Champions' Cup spot):	Maccabi Tel Aviv
Runners-up and State Cup winners (Cup-Winners' Cup spot):	Maccabi Haifa
3rd- and 4th-place (UEFA Cup spot):	Hapoel Beersheba, Hapoel Tel Aviv
5th- and 6th-place (Intertoto Cup spot):	Betar J'lem, Hap Petah Tikva
Relegated:	Maccabi Netanya, Ironi Ashdod
Second-Division Champions:	Maccabi Jaffa
Also promoted:	Hapoel Kfar Sava
Relegated:	Hapoel Lod, Hapoel Ashkelon
Promoted from Third Division:	Maccabi Acre, Hapoel Kfar Shalem
Toto Cup winners:	Maccabi Petah Tikva (winners 2-1 over Mac. Tel Aviv in final)

Previous league champions

1932	British Police	1959	Hapoel Petah Tikva	1979	Maccabi Tel Aviv
1934	Hapoel Tel Aviv	1960	Hapoel Petah Tikva	1980	Maccabi Netanya
1935	Hapoel Tel Aviv	1961	Hapoel Petah Tikva	1981	Hapoel Tel Aviv
1936	Hapoel Tel Aviv	1962	Hapoel Petah Tikva	1982	Hapoel Kfar Sava
1937	Maccabi Tel Aviv	1963	Hapoel Petah Tikva	1983	Maccabi Netanya
1938	Hapoel Tel Aviv	1964	Hapoel Ramat Gan	1984	Maccabi Haifa
1939	Maccabi Tel Aviv	1965	Hakoah Ramat Gan	1985	Maccabi Haifa
1940	Hapoel Tel Aviv	1966	Hapoel Tel Aviv	1986	Hapoel Tel Aviv
1941	Maccabi Tel Aviv	1967	Maccabi Tel Aviv	1987	Betar Jerusalem
1943	Hapoel Tel Aviv	1968	Hapoel Tel Aviv	1988	Hapoel Tel Aviv
1947	Maccabi Tel Aviv			1989	Maccabi Haifa
1949	Maccabi Tel Aviv	1970	Maccabi Tel Aviv		
		1971	Maccabi Netanya	1990	Bnei Yehuda
1950	Maccabi Tel Aviv	1972	Maccabi Tel Aviv	1991	Maccabi Haifa
1952	Maccabi Tel Aviv	1973	Hakoah Ramat Gan	1992	Maccabi Tel Aviv
1954	Maccabi Tel Aviv	1974	Maccabi Netanya	1993	Betar Jerusalem
1955	Hapoel Petah Tikva	1975	Hapoel Beersheba	1994	Maccabi Haifa
1956	Maccabi Tel Aviv	1976	Hapoel Beersheba	1995	Maccabi Tel Aviv
1957	Hapoel Tel Aviv	1977	Maccabi Tel Aviv		
1958	Maccabi Tel Aviv	1978	Maccabi Netanya		

Previous State Cup winners

1928	Hap. Tel Aviv 2,	Mac. Hashmonai	0
1929	Mac. Tel Aviv 4,	Mac. Hashmonai	0
1930	Mac. Tel Aviv 2,	48th regiment	1
1932	British Police 3,	Hap. Haifa	0
1933	Mac. Tel Aviv 1,	Hap. Tel Aviv	0
1934	Hap. Tel Aviv 3,	Mac. Tel Aviv	2
1935	Mac. Petah Tikva 1,	Hakoah Tel Aviv	0
1937	Hap. Tel Aviv 3,	South Tel Aviv	0
1938	Hap. Tel Aviv 2,	Mac. Tel Aviv	1
1939	Hap. Tel Aviv 2,	Mac. Petah Tikva	1
1940	Bet. Tel Aviv 3,	Mac. Tel Aviv	1
1941	Mac. Tel Aviv 2,	Hap. Tel Aviv	1
1942	Bet. Tel Aviv 12,	Mac. Haifa	1
1946	Mac. Tel Aviv vs	Hap. Rishon Lezion	3-0, 3-1
1947	Mac. Tel Aviv 3,	Bet. Tel Aviv	2
1952	Mac. Petah Tikva 1,	Mac. Tel Aviv	0
1954	Mac. Tel Aviv 4,	Mac. Netanya	0
1955	Mac. Tel Aviv 3,	Hap. Petah Tikva	1
1957	Hap. Petah Tikva 2,	Mac. Jaffa	1
1958	Mac. Tel Aviv 2,	Hap. Haifa	0
1959	Mac. Tel Aviv 4,	Hap. Petah Tikva	3
1960	Hap. Tel Aviv 2,	Hap. Petah Tikva	1
1962	Mac. Haifa vs	Mac. Tel Aviv	0-0, 5-2
1963	Hap. Haifa 1,	Mac. Haifa	0
1964	Mac. Tel Aviv vs	Hap. Haifa	1-1, 1-1, 2-1
1965	Mac. Tel Aviv 2,	Bnei Yehuda	1
1966	Hap. Haifa 2,	Shimshon Tel Aviv	1
1967	Mac. Tel Aviv 2,	Hap. Tel Aviv	1
1968	Bnei Yehuda 1,	Hap. Petah Tikva	0
1969	Hakoah Ramat Gan 1,	Mac. Sha'arayim	0
1970	Mac. Tel Aviv 2,	Mac. Netanya	1
1971	Hakoah Ramat Gan 2,	Mac. Haifa	1
1972	Hap. Tel Aviv 1,	Hap. Jerusalem	0
1973	Hap. Jerusalem 2,	Hakoah Ramat Gan	0
1974	Hap. Haifa 1,	Hap. Petah Tikva	0
1975	Hap. Kfar Sava 3,	Bet. Jerusalem	1
1976	Bet. Jerusalem 2,	Mac. Tel Aviv	1
1977	Mac. Tel Aviv 1,	Bet. Tel Aviv	0
1978	Mac. Netanya 2,	Bnei Yehuda	1
1979	Bet. Jerusalem 2,	Mac. Tel Aviv	1
1980	Hap. Kfar Sava 4,	Mac. Ramat Amidar	1
1981	Bnei Yehuda 2,	Hap. Tel Aviv	2
	(Bnei Yehuda won 4-3 on penalties after extra time)		
1982	Hap. Yehud 1,	Hap. Tel Aviv	0
1983	Hap. Tel Aviv 3,	Mac. Tel Aviv	2
1984	Hap. Lod 0,	Hap. Beersheba	0
	(Hap. Lod won 3-2 on penalties after extra time)		
1985	Bet. Jerusalem 1,	Mac. Haifa	0
1986	Bet. Jerusalem 2,	Shimshon Tel Aviv	1
1987	Mac. Tel Aviv 3,	Mac. Haifa	3
	(Mac. Haifa won 4-3 on penalties after extra time)		
1988	Mac. Tel Aviv 2,	Hap. Tel Aviv	1
1989	Bet. Jerusalem 3,	Mac. Haifa	3
	(Bet. Jerusalem won 4-3 on penalties after extra time)		
1990	Hap. Kfar Sava 1,	Shimshon Tel Aviv	0
1991	Mac. Haifa 3,	Hap. Petah Tikva	1
1992	Hap. Petah Tikva 3,	Mac. Tel Aviv	1
1993	Mac. Haifa 1,	Mac. Tel Aviv	0
1994	Mac. Tel Aviv 2,	Hap. Tel Aviv	0
1995	Mac. Haifa 2,	Hap. Haifa	0

1995-96 season National League fixtures

Round 1. (26.8.95) ..... Round 16. (27.1.96)

Mac. Herzliya	v.	Ironi Rishon Lezion
Hap. Tel Aviv	v.	Hap. Beersheba
Mac. Haifa	v.	Mac. Jaffa
Zafririm Holon	v.	Mac. Petah Tikva
Hap. Petah Tikva	v.	Hap. Kfar Sava
Bet. Jerusalem	v.	Hap. Haifa
Hap. Beit She'an	v.	Bnei Yehuda
Bet. Tel Aviv	v.	Mac. Tel Aviv

Round 2. (9.9.95) ..... Round 17. (3.2.96)

Ironi Rishon Lezion	v.	Mac. Tel Aviv
Bnei Yehuda	v.	Bet. Tel Aviv
Hap. Haifa	v.	Hap. Beit She'an
Hap. Kfar Sava	v.	Bet. Jerusalem
Mac. Petah Tikva	v.	Hap. Petah Tikva
Mac. Jaffa	v.	Zafririm Holon
Hap. Beersheba	v.	Mac. Haifa
Mac. Herzliya	v.	Hap. Tel Aviv

Round 3. (16.9.95) ..... Round 18. (10.2.96)

Hap. Tel Aviv	v.	Ironi Rishon Lezion
Mac. Haifa	v.	Mac. Herzliya
Zafririm Holon	v.	Hap. Beersheba
Hap. Petah Tikva	v.	Mac. Jaffa
Bet. Jerusalem	v.	Mac. Petah Tikva
Hap. Beit She'an	v.	Hap. Kfar Sava
Bet. Tel Aviv	v.	Hap. Haifa
Mac. Tel Aviv	v.	Bnei Yehuda

Round 4. (30.9.95) ..... Round 19. (17.2.96)

Ironi Rishon Lezion	v.	Bnei Yehuda
Hap. Haifa	v.	Mac. Tel Aviv
Hap. Kfar Sava	v.	Bet. Tel Aviv
Mac. Petah Tikva	v.	Hap. Beit She'an
Mac. Jaffa	v.	Bet. Jerusalem
Hap. Beersheba	v.	Hap. Petah Tikva
Mac. Herzliya	v.	Zafririm Holon
Hap. Tel Aviv	v.	Mac. Haifa

Round 5. (14.10.95) ..... Round 20. (2.3.96)

Mac. Haifa	v.	Ironi Rishon Lezion
Zafririm Holon	v.	Hap. Tel Aviv
Hap. Petah Tikva	v.	Mac. Herzliya
Bet. Jerusalem	v.	Hap. Beersheba
Hap. Beit She'an	v.	Mac. Jaffa
Bet. Tel Aviv	v.	Mac. Petah Tikva
Mac. Tel Aviv	v.	Hap. Kfar Sava
Bnei Yehuda	v.	Hap. Haifa

Round 6. (21.10.95) ..... Round 21. (9.3.96)

Ironi Rishon Lezion	v.	Hap. Haifa
Hap. Kfar Sava	v.	Bnei Yehuda
Mac. Petah Tikva	v.	Mac. Tel Aviv
Mac. Jaffa	v.	Bet. Tel Aviv
Hap. Beersheba	v.	Hap. Beit She'an
Mac. Herzliya	v.	Bet. Jerusalem
Hap. Tel Aviv	v.	Hap. Petah Tikva
Mac. Haifa	v.	Zafririm Holon

Round 7. (28.10.95) ..... Round 22. (16.3.96)

Zafririm Holon	v.	Ironi Rishon Lezion
Hap. Petah Tikva	v.	Mac. Haifa
Bet. Jerusalem	v.	Hap. Tel Aviv
Hap. Beit She'an	v.	Mac. Herzliya
Bet. Tel Aviv	v.	Hap. Beersheba
Mac. Tel Aviv	v.	Mac. Jaffa
Bnei Yehuda	v.	Mac. Petah Tikva
Hap. Haifa	v.	Hap. Kfar Sava

Round 8. (4.11.95) ..... Round 23. (23.3.96)

Ironi Rishon Lezion	v.	Hap. Kfar Sava
Mac. Petah Tikva	v.	Hap. Haifa
Mac. Jaffa	v.	Bnei Yehuda
Hap. Beersheba	v.	Mac. Tel Aviv
Mac. Herzliya	v.	Bet. Tel Aviv
Hap. Tel Aviv	v.	Hap. Beit She'an
Mac. Haifa	v.	Bet. Jerusalem
Zafririm Holon	v.	Hap. Petah Tikva

Round 9. (18.11.95) ..... Round 24. (30.3.96)

Hap. Petah Tikva	v.	Ironi Rishon Lezion
Bet. Jerusalem	v.	Zafririm Holon
Hap. Beit She'an	v.	Mac. Haifa
Bet. Tel Aviv	v.	Hap. Tel Aviv
Mac. Tel Aviv	v.	Mac. Herzliya
Bnei Yehuda	v.	Hap. Beersheba
Hap. Haifa	v.	Mac. Jaffa
Hap. Kfar Sava	v.	Mac. Petah Tikva

Round 10. (25.11.95) ..... Round 25. (13.4.96)

Ironi Rishon Lezion	v.	Mac. Petah Tikva
Mac. Jaffa	v.	Hap. Kfar Sava
Hap. Beersheba	v.	Hap. Haifa
Mac. Herzliya	v.	Bnei Yehuda
Hap. Tel Aviv	v.	Mac. Tel Aviv
Mac. Haifa	v.	Bet. Tel Aviv
Zafririm Holon	v.	Hap. Beit She'an
Hap. Petah Tikva	v.	Bet. Jerusalem

Round 11. (2.12.95) ..... Round 26. (20.4.96)

Bet. Jerusalem	v.	Ironi Rishon Lezion
Hap. Beit She'an	v.	Hap. Petah Tikva
Bet. Tel Aviv	v.	Zafririm Holon
Mac. Tel Aviv	v.	Mac. Haifa
Bnei Yehuda	v.	Hap. Tel Aviv
Hap. Haifa	v.	Mac. Herzliya
Hap. Kfar Sava	v.	Hap. Beersheba
Mac. Petah Tikva	v.	Mac. Jaffa

Round 12. (9.12.95) ..... Round 27. (27.4.96)

Ironi Rishon Lezion	v.	Mac. Jaffa
Hap. Beersheba	v.	Mac. Petah Tikva
Mac. Herzliya	v.	Kfar Sava
Hap. Tel Aviv	v.	Hap. Haifa
Mac. Haifa	v.	Bnei Yehuda
Zafririm Holon	v.	Mac. Tel Aviv
Hap. Petah Tikva	v.	Bet. Tel Aviv
Bet. Jerusalem	v.	Hap. Beit She'an

Round 13. (16.12.95) ..... Round 28. (4.5.96)

Hap. Beit She'an	v.	Ironi Rishon Lezion
Bet. Tel Aviv	v.	Bet. Jerusalem
Mac. Tel Aviv	v.	Hap. Petah Tikva
Bnei Yehuda	v.	Zafririm Holon
Hap. Haifa	v.	Mac. Haifa
Hap. Kfar Sava	v.	Hap. Tel Aviv
Mac. Petah Tikva	v.	Mac. Herzliya
Mac. Jaffa	v.	Hap. Beersheba

Round 14. (23.12.95) ..... Round 29. (11.5.96)

Ironi Rishon Lezion	v.	Hap. Beersheba
Mac. Herzliya	v.	Mac. Jaffa
Hap. Tel Aviv	v.	Mac. Petah Tikva
Mac. Haifa	v.	Hap. Kfar Sava
Zafririm Holon	v.	Hap. Haifa
Hap. Petah Tikva	v.	Bnei Yehuda
Bet. Jerusalem	v.	Mac. Tel Aviv
Hap. Beit She'an	v.	Bet. Tel Aviv

Round 15. (30.12.95) ..... Round 30. (18.5.96)

Bet. Tel Aviv	v.	Ironi Rishon Lezion
Mac. Tel Aviv	v.	Hap. Beit She'an
Bnei Yehuda	v.	Bet. Jerusalem
Hap. Haifa	v.	Hap. Petah Tikva
Hap. Kfar Sava	v.	Zafririm Holon
Mac. Petah Tikva	v.	Mac. Haifa
Mac. Jaffa	v.	Hap. Tel Aviv
Hap. Beersheba	v.	Mac. Herzliya

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Contractors demand 15,000 foreign workers

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THE cabinet is to decide this week on the contractors' demand to import 15,000 more foreign workers to overcome the construction halt caused by the closure on the territories.

Before the closure, imposed after the suicide bomb attack in Jerusalem, some 17,000 Palestinian construction workers entered Israel daily.

Contractors Association Director-General Amos Bar'am, said yesterday that the shortage of workers is preventing the construction of three million square meters, for which all the planning and licensing procedures have been completed.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin convened Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir, Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat on Wednesday night to discuss the contractors' demand.

Namir strongly opposed bringing in thousands more foreign workers, noting that the contractors have permits for 51,000, of which they are making use of only 43,000.

The contractors can import 8,000 more workers without needing additional permits, she said.

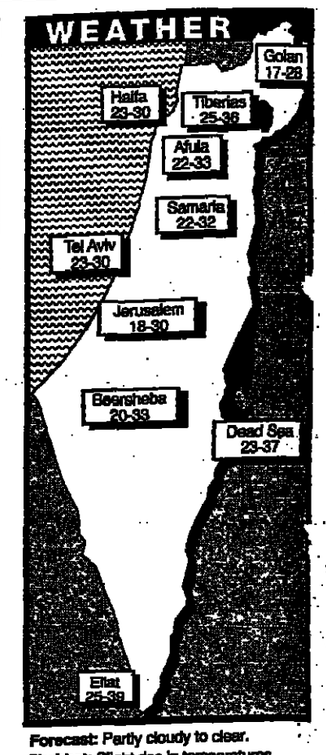
Namir stressed that Israel must prepare itself for the peace process and give priority to the Palestinians' employment problems "so that fewer of them end up in the ranks of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad."

Bar'am said that there are 180,000 construction workers today, out of which 127,000 are Israeli.

The increase in the number of Israeli workers in this field – up 60,000 from 1989 – began when foreign workers were introduced, Bar'am emphasized, noting that he prefers foreign laborers to Palestinian ones, for security reasons.



Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert congratulates Stevie Wonder at his concert at the capital's Sultan's Pool Wednesday night, before presenting him with the Jerusalem Medal. (IPPA)



Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear.
Shabbat: Slight rise in temperatures.

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW C	LOW F	HIGH C	HIGH F	
Amsterdam	13	55	21	70	p/cloudy
Berlin	16	64	25	77	p/cloudy
Buenos Aires	15	59	24	75	cloudy
Cairo	23	73	33	91	clear
Chicago	21	70	27	80	cloudy
Copenhagen	16	61	26	79	clear
Frankfurt	17	63	28	82	cloudy
Geneva	17	63	23	73	rain
Helsinki	14	57	26	82	cloudy
Hong Kong	27	81	29	84	rain
Joburg	x	x	x	x	x
Lisbon	24	75	32	90	clear
London	15	59	23	73	clear
Los Angeles	17	63	29	85	clear
Madrid	18	64	31	88	p/cloudy
Montreal	14	57	22	72	clear
Moscow	14	57	24	75	clear
New York	20	68	29	84	clear
Paris	19	66	24	75	p/cloudy
Rome	17	63	29	84	clear
Stockholm	17	63	28	82	cloudy
Sydney	13	55	19	66	p/cloudy
Tokyo	24	76	28	82	rain
Toronto	15	59	28	82	clear
Vienna	17	63	27	81	cloudy
Zurich	16	61	22	72	rain

Germany asks for extradition of Nazi

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

GERMANY said yesterday it was asking Argentina for the extradition of former Nazi SS captain Erich Priebke after an Argentine appeals court overturned an order to extradite him to Italy for a World War II atrocity.

A Justice Ministry spokesman said the extradition request was being sent to Buenos Aires immediately.

Italy is seeking Priebke, who is 81, for his role in the Ardeatine Caves massacre of 335 civilians in 1944 near Nazi-occupied Rome, Italy's worst wartime atrocity.

The Argentine public prosecutor dealing with the case has already said he will appeal against the Buenos Aires appeals court's ruling overturning the extradition.

Argentina's interior minister has criticized the ruling.

The Germany Justice Ministry confirmed it was seeking Priebke on the basis of an arrest warrant for suspected murder in connection with the Ardeatine Caves massacre.

Priebke has lived in Argentina since 1948. He has admitted having taken part in the massacre but said he was following orders from superiors.

Responding to the court's decision, Efraim Zuroff, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Israel office said it "once again underscores the role played by Argentina as a haven for escaped criminals after World War II.

Despite promises by President Menem that Nazi perpetrators would be held accountable for their crimes, today's decision proves that Argentina continues to shelter some of the worst of Hilter's henchmen.

"Failures such as these to bring Nazi war criminals to justice only help the spread of neo-Nazism, antisemitism, and Holocaust denial, and offer indirect encouragement to a new generation of mass murderers in Rwanda, Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man drowns at Ma'agan Michael beach

A 47-year-old man drowned yesterday at the Ma'agan Michael beach. A Magen Davd Adom crew was called to the beach in the morning after a man was pulled from the water unconscious. Attempts to revive the as-yet unidentified man failed. His body was taken to Hillel Yoffe Hospital in Hadera. *Itim*

22 bus bombing victims still hospitalized

Twenty-two victims of Monday's Jerusalem bus bombing remained hospitalized in three city hospitals last night. Three of the wounded are still in very serious condition.

Yona Malina, a Swiss student who suffered spinal cord injuries, is still listed in critical condition. Atalia Elbaz, whose main neck artery was injured, is listed in very serious condition, as is Yael Lahav, who suffered burns over some 50 percent of her body. *Itim*

Brazil's army minister to visit

Lt.-Gen. Zenildo Gonzaga Zoroastro Delucena, the army minister of Brazil, will arrive tomorrow for a seven-day working visit. He will meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivri, and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak.

On Sunday, a panel chaired by Ivri will brief him on the structure of the defense establishment, the capability of Israel's defense industries, and the situation in the Middle East.

The minister will visit several defense industries, Ground Forces Command units, and Jerusalem and Nazareth.

Two Hizbullah gunmen killed in clash with SLA

SIDON — Hizbullah gunmen yesterday shelled a South Lebanese Army outpost in south Lebanon after reporting that two of its fighters were killed the previous day.

Hizbullah gunmen fired five 120mm shells on a militia outpost in the village of Arab Salim, which faces the central sector of the security zone, security sources reported. There was no immediate word on casualties.

Hizbullah said yesterday that two of its fighters were killed in a clash with an SLA patrol on Wednesday.

In a statement issued in Sidon, the provincial capital of south Lebanon, the group identified the two as Adnan Ashmar, 34, and Mohammed Atiyeh, 24.

The two were to be buried in their home villages in south Lebanon yesterday, the statement said.

On Wednesday, gunmen clashed with an SLA patrol on a road leading to the zone. One SLA soldier was also wounded in the exchange of machine gun and rocket fire. AP

Greenpeace members check Kishon River for pollution

MEMBERS of the local Greenpeace organization and from the group's ship *Altair*, currently in Haifa Port, yesterday donned protective clothing and masks and sailed two rubber boats up the Kishon River, taking samples from a pipe which carries waste products from Haifa Chemicals.

The samples will be presented during a UN General Assembly session on pollution of the oceans from land-based sources.

The event was part of local Greenpeace's campaign against pollution of the Mediterranean and against Haifa Chemicals for dumping waste products.

In response, Haifa Chemicals said it is making every effort not to pollute either the Kishon or the sea, and contrary to the image Greenpace is trying to create, the pipe causes no environmental damage and will stand up to the most stringent tests developed by American and Canadian environmental agencies.

The pipe is based on standards similar to those used with great success along California's coast.

"The workers and management of Haifa Chemicals live in Haifa," the company said, "and do everything possible to protect its environment." (Itim)

Entire Habima management resigns

HELEN KAYE

HABIMA general manager Ya'acov Agmon, and the theater's entire board of governors and board of trustees resigned yesterday following an emergency meeting.

The move was spurred by management's frustration and anger incurred by the release in May of an internal audit, which revealed that the theater still has a deficit of between NIS 10 million-NIS 13m.

When Agmon took office in February following the forced resignation of former managers David Alexander and Gary Bilu, the theater had a NIS 18m. deficit. NIS 12m. of this was covered by a loan from the Arts and Culture Authority, leaving the remainder to be covered by bank loans, which the theater was unable to get.

Moreover, the audit discovered a further deficit of close to NIS 5m. incurred in fiscal 1994.

The resignations are to go into effect September 1.



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